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## At Indy Conference

# World Baptist Men Urged To Put Aside Differences

By Roy Jennings

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — Baptist men from 43 countries were challenged in Indianapolis to put aside bigotry, racism, and differences with the clergy and to dedicate their skills to evangelizing the world and filling human need.

A battery of speakers from a dozen countries and representing the pulpit and the pew exhorted the 1,000 delegates to the Second World Conference of Baptist Men to demonstrate openness, sensitivity, and dedicated leadership in communicating the gospel to others.

Owen Cooper, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance Men's Department which sponsored the conference, keynoted the conference on opening night with a plea to the men to find

their individual gift, sharpen it, and to use it to help fill the spiritual and physical needs of others.

Addressing himself to a multitude of spiritual and physical ills which beset the world, Cooper, retired president of Mississippi Chemical Corp., world's largest ammonium fertilizer manufacturing cooperative, reminded the men they were at the conference because they were commissioned as born-again believers to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of BWA with responsibility for evangelism and education, urged the men to agree to win one person each to Jesus Christ in 1978.

"Some of you may win 20 to 30 to Christ. Some of you may not even try. Set your heart on one person so that when next year comes, you will have

been the vehicle through which God has worked."

Gerald L. Borchert, dean and professor of New Testament at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, Ill., said, "The greatest problem on the horizon seems to be an attempt by some Christians to define the role of

God and the Bible according to the box in which they live. God has often broken man's preconception of how God operates. When it comes to witnessing, we better be prepared to show some flexibility."

Country comic Jerry Clower of (Continued on page 2)

## Stress Study Finds:

# Devotional Life Suffers As Pressures Increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will launch a national conference on the creative use of stress in a minister's life and work in October as a result of a successful pilot seminar.

The March pilot, attended by 35 participants from churches and mission fields, indicated that "stress is alive and killing in church work today," according to Bruce Grubbs, Sunday School Board pastoral ministries consultant.

Fred D. McGehee, board career guidance consultant, said "we struck a nerve" with the pilot. "The stress that is associated with church related vocations is unknown to most people not in those fields."

The role expectations that come with church related professions often lead to tremendous problems of stress that must be dealt with to overcome, Grubbs said.

"Both physical and emotional problems often result from such stress," he said. "The impact can be damaging to a minister's professional and personal relationships."

The seminar gave the participants an opportunity — in an informal and non-judgmental fashion — to recognize stress and its contributing factors.

"We had a hunch that the devotional life of a minister often decreases as points of stress increase," said McGehee. "And, feedback from participants proved this to be factual."

Grubbs said many aspects of the problems of stress and ways in which to deal with those problems — ranging from spiritual resources to biomedical feedback as a method of stress awareness and training in relaxation response — were covered in the five-day seminar.

The national conference — and seminars planned for the Bible preaching weeks at Baptist conference centers in Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C., will be designed to educate ministers of the impact of stress on their physical well-being. The national conference will be held Oct. 30 to Nov. 3 in Nashville.

# Lottie Moon Offering Reaches \$30,744,311

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Receipts from the 1977 Southern Baptist Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions now stand at \$30,744,311, latest reports indicate.

This figure is more than \$3 million above the total for the 1976 offering at the same time last year. The contributions received through April 13 constitute 90.4 percent of the \$34 million goal. The books will remain open until the end of May.

# Roberts Retires After 33 Years

W. R. Roberts, a member of the staff at the Mississippi Baptist Building for almost 34 years, will retire April 30.

For the past 20 years he has served as Southern Baptist Annuity Board representative for Mississippi. Before that he was Brotherhood secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for 12 years, and he was associate in the Sunday School Department for 2½ years.

There were other responsibilities. In 1955, while he was Brotherhood secretary, the Mississippi Convention began the operation of Camp Kittiwake at Pass Christian, and Roberts was asked to be the first manager. Gulfshore Baptist Assembly was begun in 1960, and Roberts was named director of assemblies for Mississippi Baptists. He thus became instrumental in getting Gulfshore under way as well as Camp Kittiwake.

He had become annuity representative for Mississippi in 1958, and later in 1960 he gave up the assemblies directorship to devote full time to his Annuity Board duties. Roberts has always ranked among the top percentages in the number of churches he has enlisted in annuity programs.

Youngest of 11

He was the youngest of 11 children of a farm family in Jefferson Davis County and the only one to finish high school. Always able to be a good representative, he went to Mississippi Southern College without any money and wound up living a great deal of the time in the home of the president. He worked his way through much of his college education by being a campus policeman.

Following his graduation from college Roberts became a school teacher and a principal at Petal for seven years. He was named superintendent at Silver Creek in Lawrence County

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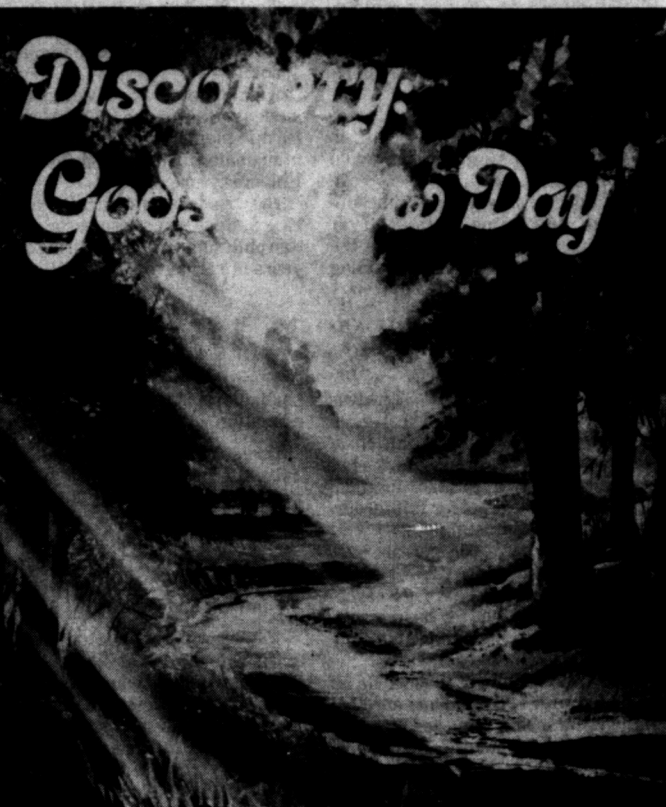
## Sermon

KANSAS CITY (BP) — On a recent Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church Bethel, when pastor James Appleby was in the midst of a pause for dramatic effect, the drama came not from a pause but from a mobile CB unit passing the church "modulating at full power."

The CBer was "coming in wall-to-wall" so the church's sensitive public address system was picking it up "loud and clear." Appleby's response is a good lesson for keeping cool.

At first he reached for the switch on the pulpit microphone, but realized that would not keep the address system from picking up and rebroadcasting the CBer. Then a smile began to creep across the pastor's face as he waited for a space of silence.

At the appropriate break, Appleby simply said, "10-4" and went on with his sermon — after the laughter died down that is.



## April Is Life Commitment Month

"God's New Day" is the theme of Life Commitment month, which is observed in Southern Baptist churches in April of each year. Life Commitment Sunday will be the last Sunday in April, allowing churches to demonstrate concern for God's call to church careers.

# Student "Seed" Money Helps Raise Soybeans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist college students have raised more than \$100,000 for a world hunger project in the 2½ years since the project was initiated by the Sunday School Board's National Student Ministries.

The total goal of \$150,000 will be channeled through the Foreign Mis-

sion Board to Bangladesh where money already has gone for vegetable seeds, a soybean project, rice meal and fish production. Southern Baptist missionaries distribute the funds which means nothing is lost in administrative costs.

Charles Roselle, National Student Ministries secretary, initiated the project after attending the student weeks at the Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C., conference centers where world hunger was a major concern.

Students have collected money by giving up one meal a week, through campus fund-raising projects and special collections. Students on Texas campuses have given almost half of the money collected.

For more information about the Student Bangladesh Hunger Project, contact Rollin Delap, National Student Ministries, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN, 37234.

## "Quoted"

Sharing chores: Baptists around the world are in danger of building a "clergy hierarchy" which creates a false division between the "minister in the pulpit and the minister in the pew," Glendon McCullough told 1,000 persons at the Second World Conference of Baptist Men. "The minister in the pew must have a 'hands-on' experience, rather than a spectator aloftness," he said. "Every Christian must work at discipleship. Everyone must 'be one in the Lord,' sharing the spiritual as well as the housekeeping chores that go along with the main event."

## Injured Missionary Returns To States

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — Ruth (Mrs. Jack G.) Partain, Southern Baptist missionary in serious condition since a car accident March 23, has been flown to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Doctors in Nairobi recommended she come to the United States for further treatment. Showing no progress, she remains semiconscious as a result of a brain contusion. Mrs. Partain, who arrived in Dallas, April 6, was to be accompanied by her husband (Continued on page 2)

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# Healed Man Thought Doctor Was A "God"

By Anne McWilliams

His wife showed him an article in the September Royal Service that said eye doctors were needed in India.

As a result, Dr. Edward Lowry Moore, Meridian ophthalmologist, spent nearly a month in Bangalore on volunteer mission assignment with the Foreign Mission Board.

"I think many doctors would be willing to serve in this way," Dr. Moore said, "if the specific places and needs were brought to their attention."

The doctor's wife, Gloria, had not planned to go with him to India, until she talked with John and Kathy McNair in December. The McNairs, former missionaries to India, now serving in Spain, spoke at First Church, Meridian, the Moores' church, during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

"My mother-in-law asked me to go and read the Calendar of Prayer," Gloria recalls. (Mrs. Sarah Moore is president of the WMU Council at First Church.)

"That night John McNair told me I ought to go with Lowry. I told him I had to stay home to keep the children. But John said, 'If the Lord wants you to go, He will provide a way.' Then when my brother-in-law, Stephen Moore, and his wife offered to stay in our home and keep our three children, I felt that the Lord had a hand in it."

The doctor planned to go first, and his wife was to meet him in India a couple of weeks later, but it didn't work out that way. When Moore arrived in London, the airline could locate none of his baggage — clothes, medicines, or surgical instruments. Hence he called his wife and asked her to bring more.

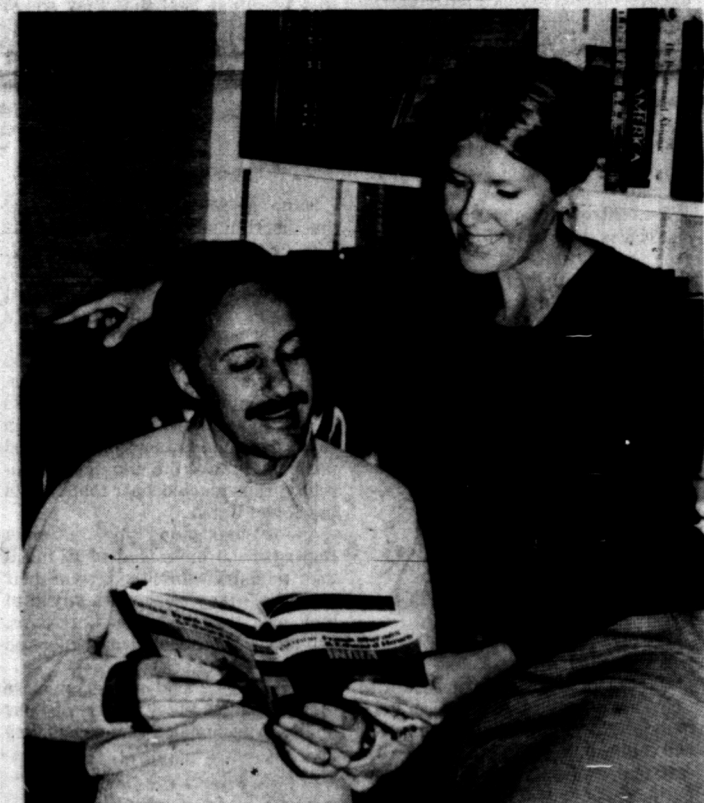
By the time she joined him in England several days later, the lost baggage had been found. "This meant I had double the amount of supplies I originally meant to take," he said. "It meant a replacement of the surgical

glasses which had been broken enroute. And it meant that Gloria and I could arrive in India together."

The instruments were his own; the medicines had been donated by drug companies.

During the time he was in India, Dr. Moore worked mornings seeing outpatients at Bangalore Baptist Hospital, where Dr. Rebekah Naylor, Southern

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Lowry and Gloria Moore study a book on India in preparation for volunteer mission in Bangalore. (Photo by Anne McWilliams)

# Sight Of Cross On Church Assures Refugee Family

LAEM SING, Thailand (BP) — The Hung Thai family was literally "led by the cross" when they fled from Viet-

nam to a refugee camp on the shore of the Gulf of Siam.

After traveling 400 miles by night,

the Chinese family thought they were close to the refugee camp in Laem Sing, Thailand. When they approached this island village they saw a small cross atop a church and knew they were safe. Hung Thai, knowing that Thailand is predominantly Buddhist, said the cross assured him they had finally found the other refugees.

The four adults and two children came from Ha-Tien, Vietnam, in a boat not much larger than a canoe. Other refugees could hardly believe they attempted the trip in such a boat. One man called Thai a "very brave man" even though he and other refugees had risked their own lives in much the same way. Many refugees don't make it to the camps.

The family traveled by night. As day approached, they sank the boat near shore by loading it with heavy rocks. When darkness returned they came out of hiding, unloaded the rocks, and prepared for another night's journey. This continued for six days.

The cross that meant refuge for this family is atop the Baptist church in the refugee camp. The church, about 100

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The Hung Thai family is one of many Indochinese families who have risked their lives in search of safety and freedom. They recently came 400 miles in a boat not much larger than a canoe to get to the Laem Sing refugee camp. They are shown here in the Baptist church at the camp, where they are waiting to see the doctor. Two days a week the church serves as the doctor's office. (BP) photo by Irma Duke.

## Seminary News

### SBTS: Master Plan

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees adopted in principle a new campus master plan for improvements totalling more than \$8 million over the next 11 years.

In other actions in its annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., the board promoted Arthur L. Walker to vice-president for student affairs, promoted seven professors, granted tenure to two professors, and approved an annual budget of just over \$6 million for the 1978-79 fiscal year.

The campus master plan, proposes the creation of a "pedestrian core" in the center of the campus which would exclude auto traffic.

The master plan calls for the immediate renovation of the Carver Building, built in 1940 to house the Woman's Missionary Union Training

School (later the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, which merged with the seminary in 1963). Also included are the final phase of renovation of classes in Norton Hall and the provision of 200 additional parking spaces on campus.

Long-range proposals include a new student center, enlargement of the School of Church Musical Building (Cooke Hall), and improvements in parking availability and campus landscaping.

Walker, who has served as dean of student affairs since 1976, is a native of Birmingham, Ala. He is a former administrator and professor at Samford University.

The trustees and faculty honored Eric S. Rust, senior professor of Christian philosophy, who is retiring after 25 years of service on the faculty.



### From Anthills To Bricks

Evangelism is a part of relief and agricultural programs carried on by Southern Baptist missionary Ray W. Eithelman in Upper Volta. Near Koudougou, Eithelman and a church lay leader look at the mud blocks drying. The people will use the bricks made from the huge anthill to build a church seating 100-150 people. (BP) photo by W. Eugene Grubbs.

## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Rockville, Md. (RNS) — Cardinal William Baum of Washington, D. C., admonished more than 1,000 leaders of the Catholic charismatic communities and prayer groups to be sure their spiritual experience is not something substandard to what the Church teaches — or merely a projection of their individual psychological needs. Notwithstanding the admonition, the prelate commended the charismatics for showing the way in the Catholic Church toward a renewed emphasis on the need of conversion as the bedrock article of the faith.

Belton, Texas (RNS) — A Bell County judge has ruled that the arrest of two men for sidewalk preaching in

Killeen, Texas, violated their constitutional right to free speech. Judge William Bachus set aside disorderly conduct complaints filed against Otis Dickinson and Jerrald Enander. The men, both associate ministers at the Mariboro Heights Missionary Baptist Church in Killeen, were arrested last Aug. 8, 1977, as they were preaching on a downtown sidewalk.

Atlanta (RNS) — In the first such meeting in more than a century, bishops of four Methodist denominations gathered here to discuss several forms of cooperation that could lead to an eventual union plan. Episcopal leaders of the United Methodist Church met for five hours with bishops of three predominantly black denominations — the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches.

Washington (BP) — Native American religious practices would receive more government protection under a resolution passed by the U. S. Senate. Indians often have been denied access to sacred sites, according to the report on the resolution filed by the select committee. Lands now controlled by the federal or state governments are often placed off limits to Indians, despite the fact that they have sacred significance to the Indians. "To deny access to (these sites) is analogous to preventing a non-Indian from entering his church or temple," the report said.

### NOBTS: \$3.2 Million

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Trustees at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary approved the addition of eight new faculty members for the fall semester and gave tentative approval to a \$3.2 million budget for 1978-79 during their annual meeting.

The budget, a \$204,000 increase over the current budget, is subject to the final approval of Richard C. McLeMore, vice president for business affairs, who is just returning to full-time duties following a stroke.

Seminary enrollment reached an all time high with 1,355 students enrolled through the spring semester, prompting the need for additional faculty,

particularly in the division of religious education.

Three faculty members will retire July 31. They are Harold Rutledge, professor of psychology and counseling; James Taylor, professor of preaching and chairman of the division of pastoral ministries; and Thomas Delaughter, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew.

Taylor will continue on a contract basis with the doctor of ministry program, assisting in field education. Stanley Watson, professor of youth education, will be transferred to the position vacated by Rutledge.

## Soviet Baptist Dilemma Surfaces In Indianapolis

By Robert O'Brien  
INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — A philosophical debate as ancient as First Century Christianity and as modern as the concerns of picketers in front of the Indiana Convention Exposition Center surfaced during the Second World Conference of Baptist Men in Indianapolis.

As 1,000 delegates from 43 countries met inside the center, the picketers, led by Greg Dixon, pastor of the independent Baptist Temple in Indianapolis, paraded peacefully outside distributing literature.

They urged delegates to the meeting, sponsored by the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, to pray for Baptists imprisoned in the Soviet Union, and they charged communists were influencing the Baptist World Alliance, which has Russian Baptists in its membership.

The picketers, who scheduled fundamentalist preacher Carl McIntyre to run a competing "Freedom Rally" at Baptist Temple on the third night of the BWA meeting, decried the cooperation of the BWA with leadership of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, the group of Baptists recognized and registered by the Soviet government.

They alleged that the BWA, to which the official Soviet Baptist body belongs, keeps silent about persecution of dissident Baptists in the Soviet Union who refuse to register with the government and who have split from the recognized group.

Particular targets of their allegations were Alexei Bichkov, the All-Union Council general secretary and BWA General Council member, and

Michael Zhidkov, senior pastor of the Moscow Baptist Church and BWA vice president and General Council member. They accused them of being communists and agents of the KGB, the Soviet secret police.

Neither Bichkov and Zhidkov, nor any other Russian Baptists, attended the meeting. BWA leaders said they had no indication they ever intended to come. Dixon and McIntyre claimed at the rally, attended by about 900 persons, that the protests of the independent Baptist church had frightened them off.

#### "Brothers"

Baptist World Alliance officials declared that they have every reason to believe that Bichkov and Zhidkov are not communist agents "but are our brothers in Christ." They also disagreed that the BWA has kept silent on human rights.

Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary, said the BWA has concern for Baptists in all the world, including the Soviet Union. He said that BWA leaders work directly with representatives of governments to ease restrictions on people who suffer persecution and discrimination, rather than to make loud public protests.

The BWA supports no ideological system and works for human dignity and rights in many areas of the world. We have made direct contacts with officials of a number of governments," he said.

The controversy surrounds the decision of dissident Soviet Baptists to defy Soviet laws as those which call for registration with the government, and the decision on the part of All-Union Council members to work within the confines of Soviet law.

## Baptist Men Urged To Put Aside . . . .

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Yazoo City, Miss., decried bigotry and racism while offering his formula for the Christian life — accept Christ, join a New Testament, Bible-believing church, attend services regularly, tithe, and show Christian confidence during tragedy.

The lone woman speaker, Marie Mathis of Waco, Texas, said men need to develop a willingness to avoid suppressing the sensitive, open, vulnerable aspects of their nature if they expect to have the same impact on worldwide Christian missions that women have.

"Women are not ashamed to do something small, if that's all they can do. Men tend to want to do something big, or nothing at all," said Mrs. Mathis, international president of the Woman's Department of BWA and former president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Mathis said she sensed that subtle changes in society are beginning to liberate men from their macho attitude and allow them to show more emotion and respond more with their hearts.

The need for oneness of spirit among men in the pulpit and the pew was sounded by Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Manuel Scott, black pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Scott, while urging the men not to "pour ice cubes" on their pastor but support him, also urged pastors to adapt themselves to their people and avoid taking away their rights and acting "dictatorial, undemocratic, arrogant, authoritarian, and pharisaic."

Burton Andrews, executive director of American Baptist Men, Valley Forge, Pa., echoed the principle that ministry applies to the laity as well as the professional clergy.

"Christianity has been moved increasingly forward by laymen who are

expressing their Christianity in their lives," he said.

The plea for faithful, dedicated men was issued by Ernest Kofele Martin, president of the Cameroon Baptist Convention in West Africa. The very foundations of the Christian church will collapse "if we fail to share in the task that confronts the church of our Lord Jesus Christ," he said.

In a closing address, David Y. K. Wong, a Hong Kong architect and president of BWA, painted a bleak picture of the world but offered a solution.

"We know that this is an average of tension and fear. Nations are deeply divided. We are living in the most far reaching era of change that the world as ever known," Wong said. "Faced with a situation such as this, it is a temptation to take shelter and hide in the shade of a juniper tree like Elijah did. But we can not run from life and its problems. We must face our problems and deal with them in faith."

Francis A. Dennis, Liberian ambassador to the United States and Canada, described Christianity as a great moral force that's changing and improving society, helping men to be more worthy, more socially useful and responsible.

The ideal Christian is one who freely mingles with life and feels it an abiding mission of the God he serves to help lift mankind to a better, fuller and more rewarding life, the ambassador said. "Today, there is an even greater need for actual Christian involvement in trying to help lift mankind to a better and nobler life."

Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, expressed concern for men who "give God a shoddy substitute for themselves" and who have lost touch with God in the midst of feverish activity for the church. Christians who lose their feel for the presence and immediacy of God will become burned out cases who cannot be used by Him to cut through the evil, hostility, hatred and injustices in the world, he said.

### GGBTS: Three Records

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary installed William M. Pinson Jr. as the fourth president of the seminary, adopted a long range planning report, approved the report of major task forces and adopted a \$1.77 million budget for 1978-79.

In his first address as president to the annual meeting of the trustees, Pinson said the 1977-78 school year has seen three records set at Golden Gate: enrollment, 517; budget expenditure, \$1,694,850; and gifts received, \$231,588.

In his inaugural address, Pinson said, "Golden Gate is located in the midst of the largest number of un-churched persons in the nation. It ought to provide the heartbeat for a surge in evangelism, church starts and growth. It should pump skilled, trained, dedicated leaders into the existing churches of our convention and the 1,500 new churches needed in the West."

The Long Range Planning Committee brought a final report after four years of study that projects a net increase of 630 students over the next six years at the Mill Valley campus. A total enrollment goal of 760 was set for branches, off-campus courses and continuing education for the year 1983-84.

The World Mission Center Task Force brought a comprehensive report with plans to enhance the seminary's present strong emphasis on providing basic and advanced missionary training for pastors, missionaries, church and denominational leaders and mission volunteers. By use of the environment in which it serves, Golden Gate is able to give specialized training for language and foreign missionaries. Urban and Third

World missions opportunities are available in the human laboratory of the San Francisco Bay Area. The Baker James Cauthen Chair of World Missions will relate closely to the program of the World Mission Center.

The Continuing Education/Conference Center Task Force echoed the concern shown in the Long Range Planning Committee report for additional resources for both programs. Proposals to increase personal and professional growth for ministers, skill courses for professionals and special courses for spouses were included.

The seminary will activate an evangelism chair which was officially named the E. Hermond Westmoreland Chair of Evangelism. G. William Schweer was elected the E. Hermond Westmoreland Professor of Evangelism.

Samuel Y. C. Tang was elected associate professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Hebrew. Tang, a graduate of Golden Gate, comes to the seminary from the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary where he has served for the past six years as president.

Announcement was made of the September retirement of Geil Davis, professor of religious education, who has taught at Golden Gate since 1957.

The trustees approved the concept of a branch to serve the Northwestern Baptist Convention. The master of theology degree was reinstated beginning in 1979-80.

The present trustee officers were reelected. They are Charles A. Carter, Jackson, Miss., president; E. Glen Paden, Sacramento, Calif., vice president; Thomas A. Jackson, McLean, Va., secretary; Wayne Barnes, Zachary, La., assistant secretary.

### SEBTS: Appoints Spinks

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — W. Robert Spinks of Greenville, S. C., has been appointed director of financial development at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary beginning May 1.

The seminary also announced the retirement of three long-time faculty members — James Leo Green, distinguished professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, the only remaining member of the original faculty when the seminary was created in 1950; Garland Alford Hendricks, elected in 1953 as professor of church-community development and director of field work; and Theodore Adams, pastor-

emeritus of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and former Baptist World Alliance president, who has taught preaching and pastoral ministries since his retirement from First Baptist Church in 1968.

Spinks, now director of corporate programs in the development department at Furman University, will be responsible for the seminary's gifts and endowments activities. He will work with the school's board of trustees and development council and supervise the seminary's fund-raising contacts with alumni and friends, foundations, corporations, and businesses.

## Abandoned Infant Shows 'Real World'

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP) — A newborn baby girl, found on top a fresh grave, has given seminary candidate Rod Hitchens a look at the "real world."

Hitchens named the abandoned baby, only hours old when found, Baby Grace. "Grace seemed like the name to give the child because it was a miracle she survived," he said. A woman visiting her husband's grave heard the baby cry and found it under some flowers on the nearby grave.

"If the baby had been out there much longer she would have died," said Hitchens, a member of Columbia's First Baptist Church where he teaches a singles class.

Hitchens, who plans to enter seminary in a year, works at the local ambulance service because he wants the education it offers about the practical aspects of life. "I want to see what the real world is all about," he said.

Baby Grace is one aspect of that real world.

### Village Hires Sharon Stone

Sharon Stone has joined the staff of The Baptist Children's Village as an assistant in the Department of Music,



according to an announcement by Paul N. Nunnery, executive director. She will assist Ruth A. Glaze, director of The Village's therapeutic music ministry as an accompanist, in directing the activities of all the choirs and choral ensembles in the Department of Music, and as a teacher of piano.

Miss Stone succeeds Mrs. Glaze in this capacity, who has become director of the Department of Music, succeeding Jan G. Nix, who resigned the Village staff to be married.

Miss Stone is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stone of Greenwood where she has been a member of First Baptist Church since early childhood. She was educated in the public schools of Greenwood, at Delta State University in Cleveland, and at William Carey College, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in music therapy.

Following her graduation from William Carey in May of 1977, Miss Stone did clinical work in music therapy at Timberlawn Psychiatric Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

### Injured Missionary

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and Southern Baptist missionary nurse C. Evelyn Davis.

Partain, who was driving when the car-truck collision occurred, suffered only minor injuries and was not hospitalized. Another missionary, Marilyn (Mrs. Tom W.) McMillan, was hospitalized after the accident but has been released and is recovering at home in Arusha, Tanzania.

### Sight Of Cross

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feet off shore, had just been built by Christian refugees when the Thai family arrived. Since Southern Baptists began their refugee ministries in Thailand, more than 1,600 displaced Indochinese have been baptized. About 370 of those have been from the Laem Sing camp.

That cross meant not only physical refuge for this family but it also came to mean something spiritually too. Within two weeks of their arrival at the camp, two members of the family became Christians. They said they knew that God had kept them safe during their journey.

# Woman's Missionary Union

## Annual Meeting

### Atlanta Civic Center Atlanta, Georgia June 11-12, 1978

Theme: "Think On These Things"

"... if there be any praise, think on these things."  
Philippians 4:8 (KJV)

Sunday, June 11: The Need For Bold Mission Thrust  
Monday, June 12: The Response For Bold Mission Thrust

Sunday Afternoon and Evening, June 11, 5:30 p.m.

Praise: "I Love Thee"—Congregation; The Centurymen in Concert, Buryl Red, New York, N.Y., director. "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"—Congregation.  
Worship: Helen E. Falls, professor of missions, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.  
Prayer: Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.  
Feature: Discovery—Beverly Hammack, assistant director, department of Christian social ministries, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta;—Dan B. Martin, editor, news services, Home Mission Board, Atlanta;—William K. Wakefield, secretary for Southeast Asia, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.;—Davis L. Saunders, secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.  
Commitment: Prayer time led by Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va., president, Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.  
Praise: "Joy to the World"—Congregation.

Monday Morning, June 12, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: Helen E. Falls, New Orleans, La.  
Praise: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"—Congregation.  
Interview: Interviewer—Mrs. Charles Caldwell, lecturer, Houston, Texas; Response of Career Missionaries:—Mrs. A. J. Silva, home missionary, Atlanta;—Fayiz Sakini, home missionary, Smyrna, Ga.;—Crea Ridenour, foreign missionary, Columbia;—Other missionaries (to be announced).  
Prayer: James H. Landes, executive director, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.  
Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"—Congregation.

Promotion Feature: Teach Missions—B. R. Yarbrough, pastor, and Mrs. Edwin Howard, WMU director, First Baptist Church, Norcross, Ga.  
Introduction of Acteens National Advisory Panel. Praise: "Jesus is All the World to Me"—Congregation.  
Special Music: Address: "By His Grace"—Mrs. Elizabeth Newby, author, wife, mother, lecturer Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Prayer: Dorothy Pryor, executive secretary-treasurer, Georgia Woman's Missionary Union, Atlanta.

Monday Afternoon, June 12, 2:00 p.m.  
Worship: Helen E. Falls, New Orleans, La.  
Praise: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"—Congregation.  
Business: Election of Officers.  
Promotion Feature: Baptist Women Year in the Church—Mrs. Robert Calvert, homemaker and writer, Piedmont, Ala.  
Interview: Interviewer—Mrs. Charles Caldwell, Houston, Texas; Response of Short-Term Volunteers:—Dr. and Mrs. Lee N. Allen and Leland and Leslie Allen, Birmingham, Ala.;—Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miner, Birmingham, Ala.;—Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Lee, Menomonee, Wis.;—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Price, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Prayer: Alma Hunt, retired executive secretary, SBC Woman's Missionary Union, and now consultant, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.  
Special Music: Address: "The Response to World Hunger"—John R. Chynne, associate coordinator, hunger relief and disaster response, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.  
Prayer: Mrs. Kathryn Grant, Beltsville, Md., executive director, District of Columbia Woman's Missionary Union.

Monday Evening, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

Worship: Helen E. Falls, New Orleans, La.  
Praise: "Serve the Lord with Gladness"—Congregation; "O Zion Haste"—Congregation.  
Report of WMU Executive Director: Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.  
Interview: Interviewer—Mrs. Charles Caldwell, Houston, Texas; Response of Church WMU Leaders:—Mrs. Joyce Irons, Colfax, West Va.;—Miss Toni Berry, Pensacola, Fla.;—Mrs. John Isaacs, Tallahassee, Fla.;—Mrs. Harold Burrell, Metter, Ga.;—Mrs. Eva Marie Dyke, Springfield, Va.  
Prayer: Mrs. Robert Fling, promotion associate in new areas, SBC Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.  
Praise: "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit"—Congregation.  
Feature: Response of Women Working Together:—Mrs. John W. Williams, Kansas City, Mo., president, North American Baptist Women's Union; (Introduced by Mrs. R. L.

Mathis, Waco, Texas, president, Women's Department, Baptist World Alliance).  
Special Music: Challenge Address: "Response to Bold Mission"—Grady C. Cothen, president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.  
Benediction: Jimmy R. Allen, president, Southern Baptist Convention, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.  
WMU Officers  
President—Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va.  
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Executive Director—Miss Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.

## Religious Educators Set Atlanta Meeting

ATLANTA (BP) — Religious educators from across the Southern Baptist Convention will explore ways the church can reach out through missions, evangelism, discipleship, leadership and personal development, and church growth methods when the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association meets at the Peachtree Plaza Hotel, June 11-12.

The association's meeting is one of a number of pre and post convention sessions surrounding the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

The educators from Southern Baptist churches and institutions will convene under a theme, "The Church Reaching Out — Through Religious Education," in support of the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust goal to evangelize the world by the year 2000.

The program will feature presentations from pastors and ministers of education from churches showing significant growth and other representatives of agencies and churches, according to association president, Elmer F. Bailey, associate pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Teams from the growing churches are Homer F. Lindsay, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., and two education directors, Frances Hendricks (church training) and Guinell Freeman (Sunday School); Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, and Bailey; Billy Crosby,

pastor, Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., and John Griffin, minister of education; and John Bisagno, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and his former minister of education, Harry Piland, now secretary, Sunday School department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Other program features include Roy Edgemon, secretary, church training department, Sunday School Board, with a presentation on discipleship development; William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, on the church reaching out through mission strategy; Reggie McDonough, secretary, church administration department, Sunday School Board, on leadership development; and Piland, on a church reaching out through Bible Study.

A special segment of the program, on Monday morning, June 12, will feature speakers dealing with how religious educators should minister to their own needs. O. Winfield Rich, minister of administration and education, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, will speak on "Caring for One Another as Religious Educators;" Russell H. Dilday, president-elect, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, "Caring for New Religious Education People;" and Allan Petersen, executive director of Family Concern, Inc., Wheaton, Ill. (formerly of Omaha, Neb.), "Caring for Families of Religious Educators."

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## The Mission Task The Copper Belt

By John Alexander, Director  
Stewardship Department

On February 3, 1978, I made my first ever visit to the Copper Belt of Zambia. There I found Ellis and Ruby Fulbright labouring for the Lord in a most difficult situation. Where there were four missionary couples just a few years ago, working with 20 churches, now Ellis works alone with 28 churches.

The lives of the Fulbright family are brightened by the help and presence of missionary Journey person, Ginger Welch. Ginger teaches a growing class at Central Church, Kitwe, the only regular activity now at the church. We began referring to her as the pastor of Central, Kitwe.

Ellis and Ruby were expecting their third child. It was a source of great relief to them to receive permission to visit the mine hospital for the birth of the baby. The public hospital in Kitwe, in a socialist country, is a pathetic mess. Newspaper reports in the country indicated that patients were dying from the filthy conditions in the public hospitals.

Ellis and Ruby are both going through a very trying time as they labour to provide what assistance one couple can give in 28 pastorless churches. Thievery is a growing menace in the area.

Ellis teaches T. E. (Theological Education) classes at a number of the churches. He is on the move from early morning to late at night. His faithful redbone hound keeps watch over the family residence by day and night. Absolutely no one passes that way without a thorough serenade.

Very serious problems, understood by all in the Baptist Mission, are plaguing Ellis and Ruby, problems that their predecessors also faced.

Men who are neither Christian in attitude nor Baptist in polity, want the mission to turn over funds to them as convention officers with no strings attached or reports required. Following mission policy, Ellis has refused to concede to their demands. They have tried to shut him out of the churches. They try to do this through threats and intimidation of church leaders in the area.

These men must be replaced by convention messengers before progress is again realized in the work. Other areas have faced and overcome similar problems. Ellis and Ruby need your prayers at this time as they do a monumental work in the face of very serious difficulty.

Visiting our missionaries in the Copper Belt reminded me again of what the Psalmist says about the wicked, "Their own evil deeds will destroy them. Like a wild beast stalks its prey, so calamity stalks the wicked."

The Fulbrights are another noble example of dedicated and committed servants of our Lord serving in trying times and places. We who love and appreciate them can hold them up in our prayers, and through the Cooperative Program, guarantee that their heavy load will be made a little lighter. Remember this splendid couple when you pray today.

## Cooperative Missions

## Meeting To Study Cults And Other Religions

An Interfaith Witness Training Conference will be held at First Church, Jackson, May 1 and 2.

The conference will begin Monday, May 1, at 10 a.m. and end on Tuesday, May 2, at 4:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The following will lead conferences on the different religions: Kate Ellen Gruver - Mormons; W. B. Mitchell - Worldwide Church of God; C. B. Hastings - Catholics; Lloyd Whyte - Jehovah's Witnesses; and Chris Elkins - The Unification Church. The cost of the conference will be provided by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The only cost to the

participant will be travel, motel, and meals in Jackson.

"There is a growing need for a better understanding of other beliefs," states Hollis V. Bryant, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He asks that those who plan to attend please notify him as soon as possible at P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Or if you need help for obtaining motel accommodations, notify the Cooperative Missions Department.

Interfaith Witness Awareness Conference will be held in Prentiss (Covington-Jeff Davis Association) May 4-5. For more information contact Rev. L. E. Archison, Box 582, Prentiss, MS 39474. Phone: (office) 765-4689.

## Day Camp Workshop To Focus On Korea

A day camp workshop will be held at Camp Garaywa on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Billy Peacock, missionary to Korea, will lead a period on the mission study unit on Korea. (The four-hour workshop will be based on the day camp mission study unit on Korea.)

Small group activities will be led by Acteens from First Church, New Albany, and Baptist Young Women from East End Church, Columbus.

The workshop cost of \$2.50 per per-

son includes the meal, insurance, and program for the day. Groups may bring sack lunches and pay only \$1 each for registration.

The workshop is designed for day camp directors and staff, especially Acteen members and other adults who will be involved in missions day camping in their own churches or outreach ministry.

It is jointly sponsored by the WMU and Brotherhood, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Christian Life Commission Seminar Offers Christian Lifestyle Talks

By Robert O'Brien

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist participants from 25 states peered through a window — darkened by a smear of complexities — into the world of lifestyle decision making.

They spent three days at a national seminar sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, absorbing a variety of perspectives on how Christians may shape their lifestyle in a complex society.

"We have not covered all lifestyle issues," W. David Sapp, the commission's director of organization, explained in a seminar-ending analysis. "Hunger, singleness, aging, racial attitudes and behavior, and a host of other issues, remain with us to think about and to act on... Long ago on the mission field we learned that

Christianity cannot be equated with lifestyle; more recently, in the naive moral fervor of the 1960s, we learned that Christianity cannot be divorced from lifestyle."

People who take risks — make themselves vulnerable with others "as God did... in Jesus" — will grow and flourish under any condition of life or lifestyle, said Liston O. Mills of Nashville, Vanderbilt Divinity School theologian.

"Some people withdraw, get defensive, cynical or seek 'righteous power' to do some religious good," he said. "They would save their life, lock it up, to protect themselves. The Kingdom of God is like children and fragile flowers and birds. Openness and vulnerability are precisely those qualities which allow us to receive and give life."

Henlee H. Barnette, who carefully documented his disapproval both of homosexuality and ordination of practicing homosexuals to the ministry, declared that Southern Baptists have "homo-phobia" when it comes to responding to the rising homosexual problem in America.

Calling for an attitude of love toward the homosexual without condoning the homosexual's actions, Barnette, a professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Louisville's school of medicine, chided his fellow Southern Baptists for traditionally showing "contempt rather than compassion and rejection toward homosexuals. He said homosexuality is unbiblical — as are many other sins — but that Christians should show the kind of compassion Christ did in helping people.

The retired professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., urged churches to engage in outreach ministries to homosexuals similar to church ministries to alcoholics and drug abusers. He called on churches to work for the civil rights of homosexuals.

Millard Fuller, from Koinonia Farm/Habitat for Humanity, between Plains, Ga., and Americus, Ga., chided Southern Baptists for their low priority on feeding hungry people. He cited huge offerings for a variety of needs, of which only a small percentage goes to world relief, and urged church leaders to lead their people into simple lifestyles to conserve resources for the less fortunate.

Tom Skinner, a black evangelist from Brooklyn, N.Y., who also called for simple lifestyles, warned against a "cheap evangelism" that provides little more than "fire insurance" to escape hell.

Too many people who say they are "born again" have not changed their lifestyle to indicate rebirth, Skinner said. Business practices don't change and people still flee to the suburbs when "undesirable move in and

exclude people from their church because of skin color."

Belief in man's superiority over woman was only a tradition of Bible times, not a biblical teaching itself, declared Paul K. Jewett, professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.

Christ's relationship to woman, considering the times, was "positively revolutionary," Jewett said. "He treated women as fully human, equal to men in every respect. The Apostle Paul, he said, reflected both a Jewish background and Christian experience related to women. "There can be no male and female, declares the apostle in Galatians, the great epistle of Christian liberty — the Magna Carta of our humanity."

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, said the church has the responsibility to help women deal with their changing lifestyles and help them find ways to fulfill their call.

"Ordination of women is not the basic question facing churches today," she said. "We waste a lot of time debating the merits of the idea of ordaining women to be deacons or preachers. More basic is whether or not God calls women to serve him through the church. I do not know of very many women who feel called to the pastorate or the diaconate. I know many who feel that God has called them to significant areas of leadership which are not readily open to them. Are women in error about their call?"

The battery of speakers included such well known figures as Howard Baker, R-Tenn., Senate minority leader; Charles Colson, born-again Watergate figure who now leads a nationwide prison ministry; John F. O'Leary, deputy energy secretary; Van Gordon Sauter, general manager of KNXT-TV, Los Angeles; Billy Graham team associate evangelist Leighton Ford; and William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.



## Bible Day In Jackson

Jackson Mayor Dale Danks, Jr., (seated) signs a proclamation declaring April 23 as Bible Day in the city. Staffers of First Baptist Church, David Roddy, minister of education, and Frank Pollard, pastor, plus Bible teacher Gene Stockstill, flank Danks. The proclamation is in connection with the Bible Festival FBC is holding April 22-23.

## R & TV Commission

## Satellite Paves Way For Space Age Denomination

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Texas Baptist leaders in Fort Worth will talk with and view Tennessee and Southern Baptist Convention leaders in Nashville via satellite in a two hour space age communications demonstration April 26.

The SBC Radio and Television Commission will use the demonstration to show the latest developments in communications technology that will eventually carry the commission's 3,406 radio and television programs to the 2,836 stations airing them.

The demonstration will use two of NASA's portable earth stations. One of the earth stations will send audio and video signals to NASA's Communications Technology Satellite from the Radio and Television Commission's parking lot in Fort Worth.

The other earth station will be parked across the street from Nashville's First Baptist Church, where it will receive the signal from the satellite. In turn, Nashville viewers will be able to speak with those in Texas via an audio signal.

Use of satellites will lower the cost of program transmission in the future as

it eliminates need for high cost telephone line and microwave transmission.

## Southern Plans For Luncheon In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga. — Presentation of Alumni of the Year Awards and the election of new national alumni officers will highlight the 1978 Southern Seminary Luncheon planned for June 14 at the Peachtree Plaza Hotel here. National alumni president W. C. Fields of Nashville will preside at the annual event to take place during this year's meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Advanced tickets to the luncheon are on sale for \$5 through June 1. Tickets or further information may be obtained by mailing to: Southern Seminary Luncheon, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky., 40206.

## Kindergarten/Day Care Clinic Features Jacksonian, Mrs. Renick

A Kindergarten/Day Care Clinic will feature Judy Renick who is Child Find project director for Hinds County Schools.

Mrs. Renick will be speaking at the clinic which will be held in Ridgeland at the Ridgeland Baptist Church, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

She is former kindergarten director at Woodville Heights Baptist Church in Jackson and is a graduate of Mississippi College. She earned the master of arts degree from Louisiana State University.

Other speakers include Wilma Lowe, Jean Prather, Sarah Harrell, Mary Ann Jacobs, W. P. Davis, and Davina Levy, Nan Grantham will be music leader.

For further information, contact Leon Emery, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, phone 354-3704.

Like other boys, I had always been told that I should be good and then would be happy; but, like other boys, I never believed it. I naturally tried to do as little as I could and get as much as I could. The change in my life came when I was making a study of the life of Sir Isaac Newton and came across his law of action and reaction. Briefly, this law is "that for everything we do we get an equal reaction." If we boost others, others will boost us. If we knock others, others will knock us. If we help others, others will help us. — Roger Babson.

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## Editorials

### The Cooperative Program

## "Tell It To The Generation Following"

Last Sunday, April 16, was Cooperative Program Day all across the Southern Baptist Convention territory; and, of course, that is the entire nation. It comes at a particularly appropriate time for Mississippi Baptists, for we have just had what is probably the finest quarter in Cooperative Program giving in the history of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

A new Cooperative Program giving record was set in February, and it was immediately broken in March. The total for January was not a new record, but it was greater than the same month of the year before. So adding two record-breaking months to a better-than-last-year month makes for a good quarter and perhaps the best ever.

Such giving statistics for Mississippi

Baptists cannot help but be impressive. The Cooperative Program is the finest vehicle for financing the work of the Lord that has come along.

Southern Baptists are never going to be 100 per cent in agreement on anything that comes under discussion. Those who would chide Southern Baptists for "giving up their independence" are not aware of the facts at all. But then, that doesn't bother those detractors.

Not all Southern Baptists are in agreement with everything that is financed by the Cooperative Program. But all Southern Baptists are keenly interested in spreading the gospel, and they realize that this is what the Cooperative Program is all about. All of the programs supported by the Cooperative Program are missions-

supportive in some way. Some are more so than others, of course.

Mississippi Baptists have always been supportive of missions efforts. Many Mississippians are serving on foreign mission fields and many more are to be found in home mission areas. On our seminary faculties are many who have Mississippi ties.

In a mighty way Mississippi Baptists are making an impact on the world through missionary efforts, and not the least of these efforts is support of the Cooperative Program.

Across the nation many thousands of dollars, perhaps even millions of dollars, are being siphoned off of Baptist giving potential to go to para-church organizations, some of which are building elaborate physical structures

for their own comfort and giving no accounting at all for the money received from the public. We hope Baptists in Mississippi are not involved in this sort of thing to any extent at all.

The fact remains that the most direct channel for making money useful in the service of the Lord is for it to be given through the local church so that the determined portion can be put to work immediately there and the remainder as the church has determined can be funneled on into world-wide causes through the Cooperative Program.

This we are convinced of for ourselves and we need to "tell it to the generation following" so that the ministry of the Cooperative Program might continue on through the ages.

Truth Still To Be Recognized And Sought

UPHOLDING ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER... —HEB. 1:3



## Letters To The Editor

### Books Needed

Dear Editor:

I have some special needs for copies of the following of my books now out of print. If friends possess any of these and will exchange with me for the last two books which I wrote, it will be greatly appreciated. What I can send you in exchange is either *FLAMING FAGOTS* or *WHITE WINGS OF SPLENDOR*. There are a limited number of these in my possession.

The books desired are: *THE LIFE BEAUTIFUL*, *RAINBOW GLEAMS*, *ORCHIDS AND EDELWEISS*, *WINGS AGAINST THE BLUE*, and *THE QUEENLY QUEST*.

Kindly send me any one of these, and you will receive another book from me. Sincere thanks to you,

Rosalee M. Appleby  
127 E. Academy  
Canton, Miss. 39046

### Information Needed

Dear Editor:

I have been asked to write a History of Prentiss Baptist Church. To do the subject credit, I need to know something about the pastors, such as a page-long biography. Included in this group are the following: Rev. J. A. Moore, Rev. John A. Lee, Rev. J. A. Barnett and Rev. J. B. Quin. If anybody can furnish me the desired information, I would appreciate an early answer.

Kirby Tyrone  
P. O. Box 75  
Prentiss, MS. 39474

### Double Standard

Dear Editor:

This editorial was printed in the Memphis Commercial Appeal last week, March 1978.

Why the double standard? It's time we Christians let Anita Bryant feel our support for her. Could you print her address?

Thank you.

Mrs. Charles G. Hill  
New Albany

The editorial in question was a searching piece questioning the fact that the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists would applaud the position of its member, Vanessa Redgrave, who has insisted that no person be denied employment because of political views, while Actors' Equity, the union to which Anita Bryant belongs has denounced Miss Bryant for her standing regarding homosexuality. Miss Redgrave, as many readers will recall, is a champion of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

There are not many Palestinians in the entertainment industry.

No matter whether one feels Miss Bryant is over zealous or would support her entirely, she has to be viewed as a person who has stood for her convictions; and she has been severely hurt because of it. She surely could use all of the encouragement she can get. Her address, as far as we know, is 3850 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla. 33137. — Editor.

### "Family Atmosphere . . ."

## State Fair Limits Beer Sales

Parents who wish to take their children to the state fair this year should be able to take heart from a recent action of the Mississippi State Fair Commission. This body has greatly strengthened the regulations regarding the sale of beer on the fair grounds.

The spectacle during the state fair last year was a sorry one indeed. There were more booths from which beer was dispensed, probably, than there was of any other type of installation. It was dispensed freely.

It was evident that minimum age requirements were not observed with any kind of consistency, and the description of some of the customers as being "sloppy drunk" seems to be an adequate portrayal.

It was also apparent that the fair was a family entertainment and recreation affair, but such conditions make family involvement difficult. It is a time when excellence in accomplishment in many areas is to be rewarded, and it is a time when there is an effort to instill

pride in Mississippi because of the excellent products of citizens of the state.

These conditions lose a great deal of their meaning when those who have come to observe have their attitudes warped by beer to the extent that any feeling of pride is diminished.

The Mississippi State Fair Commission has recognized this and has taken steps to provide a remedy. The fair's contract with those who would sell beer has some new and stringent requirements.

They are as follows:

"1—Any concessionaire selling beer must also sell food, with a place to be seated, and require that customers drinking beer be seated. No beer shall be sold over a counter adjacent to the midway.

"2—Concessionaire must provide at his own expense a uniformed, male security officer over 21 years of age at his location during hours beer is sold.

"3—No beer shall be served after 9:00 p.m.

"4—Space rental charges to a concessionaire selling beer shall be doubled.

"Upon notice . . . that violation . . . has been committed, the (concessionaire) shall forfeit all further rights to transact business under this contract, without relief from unpaid portion of the purchase price, or repayment of any sum that has already been paid, and he shall immediately cease doing business and surrender . . . the grounds and the space occupied."

Now, right off, there seems to be no logical reason for beer being sold at all on the state fair grounds. Without question, the Mississippi State Fair Commission has done us a service by establishing these restrictions. How much greater would have been that commission's service if it had banned beer altogether.

But it didn't, so let's give the commission an indication of our support in what it has done. At least, it is moving in the direction of alleviating to a great degree a situation that was getting out

of hand.

It would seem appropriate to communicate with the commission in some fashion as a means of support. Surely we are not so naive as to believe that the beer people will not bring to bear all the pressure they can muster to have these new contract requirements nullified. The suggestion would be to write the commission, write the daily papers, or write this paper with a word of appreciation. Let us be careful as we write, however, that we express appreciation only for making a bad situation better and not indicate that we condone the sale of beer at the fair.

Perhaps it would be wise to include a word of warning to those who would sell beer at the fair. There is a very distinct possibility that it is illegal. It is a fact that it is illegal to sell beer where there is gambling. The bingo games that are run at the fair can be construed as nothing other than gambling.

On the other hand, maybe bingo is illegal.

### Children's Village

## Tate County Campus Is Named For Ada Farrow

"Miss Ada" Farrow of the Bett Community, near Independence, was the guest of honor at a recent luncheon meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village, conducted on the Village's Farrow Manor Campus. A bronze dedicatory plaque, honoring the influence of "Miss Ada," and her late husband, Edward Farrow, was presented by Paul N. Nunnery, executive director of The Baptist Children's Village and accepted by David "Cotton" Foster, home life director on the Farrow Manor Campus, which is one of the Village's branch child care installations.

So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others, I would almost say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend. — Robert Louis Stevenson

The plaque, which has been installed at the base of an identifying sign at the main campus entrance, recites in part the following inscription:

"With gratitude, we acknowledge the generosity of Mrs. Edward ("Miss Ada") Farrow whose dream it was to establish a home for children at this place, and whose gift of this land made the dream come true."

"Miss Ada" Farrow donated the lands upon which the Tate County child care facility is located.

The dedication and installation ceremony constitutes the formal designation of the Tate County facility as "FARROW MANOR CAMPUS" and was a part of a regular, quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village which convened on Farrow Manor Campus. A. L. Rainey, Jr., a Gulfport

businessman, is president of the board.

Roy Myers, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Independence and a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and its Executive Committee, together with Terrell Stringer, Pastor of Bett Baptist Church, attended as guests of the trustees. Mt. Zion and Bett churches serve as church "homes" for the boys and girls under care on the Farrow Manor Campus.

The Baptist Children's Village is the official child care facility of Mississippi Baptist Convention, operating a child care campus in Jackson; a group home in New Albany; a statewide system of foster homes and a professional child care and family counseling service in addition to the Farrow Manor Campus.



The Children's Village recently honored "Miss Ada" Farrow of the Bett Community by installing a plaque on the Village's Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County formally dedicating the facility as "Farrow Manor Campus." (Left to Right) — Paul N. Nunnery, A. L. Rainey, Jr. of Gulfport, president of The Village's Board of Trustees; Roy Myers, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Independence one of the host pastors to Village young people on the Farrow Manor Campus; David "Cotton" Foster, Village home life director on the Farrow Manor Campus; and Terrell Stringer, pastor of Bett Baptist Church, the other host church to Village children, in Tate County, and the church of Mrs. Farrow's membership.

## 100 Complete Professional Growth Course

NASHVILLE — Two pastors and a denominational employee brought to 100 the number of persons who have participated in the Personal and Professional Growth Course first offered in 1971 by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board.

The three who completed the course in January are Robert Gray, pastor of Edenton Baptist Church, Edenton, N. C., Tom Suiter, pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and James Powell, associate director of program promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission, Nashville.

"The 12-day course is designed to provide a comprehensive look at the personal and professional strengths of pastors or church staff members," said Brooks Fulkner, who directs the course with Walter Bennett. Both are consultants in the church administration department.

## Second Aging Conference

### Planners Named

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A Southern Baptist Conference on Aging, to be held in 1980, is one step closer with the naming of a steering committee to plan the event.

The first Southern Baptist Convention Conference on Aging was held in Nashville, Tenn., in 1974. The planned second conference is the outgrowth of interest on the part of the Southern Baptist Association of Ministries with the Aging (formerly the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for the Aging) and the SBC Workgroup on Aging.

The 1980 aging conference is expected to review the work of the SBC in the field of aging since 1974; determine future directions of SBC programming emphases related to aging; and provide input into a proposed White House Conference on Aging for 1981.

## Book Reviews

COMMENTARY ON FIRST CORINTHIANS by Frederic Louis Godet (Kregel, \$14.95, 920 pp.) This Classic Reprint has put into one volume a very thorough commentary that was originally two volumes. Godet, a Swiss Protestant scholar who died in 1900, brought into his work on I Corinthians a skillful presentation of the views of many men.

STUDIES IN HEBREWS: STUDIES IN II TIMOTHY; STUDIES IN COLOSSIANS AND PHILEMON; STUDIES IN EPHESIANS by H. C. G. Moule (Kregel, \$2.95 each, paper, about 100 pp. each) These are reprints of devotional commentaries written by a native of England. Moule was for a time dean of Trinity College at Cambridge (he lived from 1841 to 1920). His books are still ideal for Bible study, personal or group.

KEEP ON KEEPING ON: 1 and 2 THESSALONIANS by Harold L. Fickett, Jr. (Gospel Light, paper, \$1.50, 160 pp.) Believers in Thessalonica were a hoping, loving, working, witnessing church. Paul's message to them was one of encouragement — "You're on the way! Keep it up!" This book by Fickett is full of illustrations that bring alive the Thessalonian letters for Christian laymen of today. It is a book of advice for the growing Christian.

ROMANS by Geoffrey B. Wilson (The Banner of Truth Trust, Box 621, Carlisle, Pa., 254 pp., paper) Here is a guide for personal study and informal discussion on the book of Romans, as well as teaching or preaching preparation. The author is a Baptist minister serving in England. The text follows the American Standard Version.

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The Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village conducted its recent, quarterly meeting on the Village's Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County. Shown assembling for the meeting are: (seated) — W. Kelly Pyron, past President; A. L. Rainey, President; Ralph H. Hester; Charles L. Miller; Wheeler C. Cathey; W. F. "Pete" Evans, Vice President; (standing): L. W. Turner; Fred L. Gaddis; Rev. M. G. Reedy; James T. Hollingsworth; Robert W. King, Secretary and Paul N. Nunnery, executive director.

# Prison Ministry Leads Condemned To Christ

By John J. Hurt

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent (BP) — Donald G. Overstreet walked slowly to the gallows with three masked men — first two and then one — and prayed with them before the trapdoor was dropped open.

Ten days later, the Southern Baptist missionary read to the little St. Vincent Baptist Chapel the men's letters, confessing the sins which had cost their lives and assuring the people that they died trusting Jesus as Saviour.

Overstreet also played a tape recording that one of the condemned men, James Jarvis, made in the prison cell the night before the executions. On the tape Jarvis sang an original hymn with the constant refrain, "How sweet it is to know that Jesus loves me... his blood was shed for me."

Now the little Southern Baptist chapel of 38 members is striving to minister to the families of two of the men. It is seeking to give them respectability in the neighborhoods where they live.

When Jarvis' 10-year-old daughter is old enough to understand, Overstreet will give her Jarvis' Bible and a letter from her father which Overstreet has not opened.

The local newspaper, reporting on the first executions on this Caribbean island since 1970, told briefly of Overstreet's ministry to the three convicted murderers, noting that he "spent the entire night with the three condemned men in their cells." It added the men "were either reciting some Psalm or singing some hymn, or praying, on their way to meet the hangman."

Maybe the man on this island with

the greatest appreciation for Overstreet is Chief Richards of Her Majesty's Royal Prison, who is cooperating to the extent that the missionary is known as the prison's "unofficial chaplain."

"Oh yes, he makes a big difference," said Richards, standing just inside the prison walls. "We all like to work with him."

Richards explained that prison guards have an easier job because of the Bible class which 24 prisoners attend each week, in addition to a literacy class and counseling with prisoners which are part of Overstreet's ministry.

The Overstreet prison ministry obviously is the most dramatic but it is only part of this California couple's ministry. They left Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church in Redlands to launch a Southern Baptist ministry on this island, 11 by 18 miles, with a population of 104,000.

They observed their first anniversary here on New Year's Eve and still strive to give "recognition" to the Southern Baptist name. One recognition effort is concerts by the chapel choir in a rented hall downtown.

"God has just worked one miracle after another," the Overstreets say. They found a home to use for a chapel, talked to the owner about an adjoining building and learned he was a Christian who knew of the need in the neighborhood. Now, a former furniture manufacturing building is the chapel and the adjoining house is used for educational purposes.

An application for electric lights in the chapel was turned down because

no meter box was available. A visitor in the service where the need was mentioned worked for the electric company. A meter box was installed the next day.

Look at the missionary schedule for the week: There are two services on Sunday; Monday night is for training church leaders with 18 enrolled; Tuesday is for the choir; Wednesday they go to an adjoining village for Bible study and Thursday is for Bible study at the chapel. Most of Saturday is given to the prison ministry.

Overstreet works to know the island leadership. He met the governor on a tennis court and now they are friends. He knows most of the other government officials and they probably know him as the "Bible man." He makes sure each acquaintance has a Bible.

The Overstreets came here, they insist, wondering how to launch a Southern Baptist ministry. Now they've learned how: "God starts it."

## Healed Man Thought Doctor Was A "God"

(Continued from page 1)

Baptist missionary, is chief of staff. (The hospital has no regular eye specialist.) In the afternoons he worked in several outlying villages. "The hospital bus takes general practitioners and nurses out to these villages weekly," he said. "We stopped along the way and picked up people who wanted to go to the clinics."

Gloria assisted her husband in such tasks as administering eye drops. Also she visited with mothers and babies in the hospital.

"We spoke through an interpreter who knew seven languages," she said. "A different language is spoken in practically every state of India."

Dr. and Mrs. Van Williams, missionaries from Mississippi, went with the Moores to the clinics and to some of the 12 Baptist churches in the villages.

"Dr. Williams is a pediatrician," Dr. Moore said. "Each missionary to India must be a specialist. The country wants aid in medicine, education, nutrition."

Visas are not readily granted for missionaries to enter India. Those missionary specialists, however, who are qualified to serve the Indian people in ways they cannot yet be matched by Indians are welcomed.

Gloria said that her husband operated on an Indian man blinded by cataracts. When the man found he could see again he fell down and tried to kiss Dr. Moore's feet. A Hindu, he believed the doctor to be one of many gods.

The law forbids the missionaries' witnessing directly to the nationals or trying to win them away from their chosen religions. But this man's statement gave Dr. Moore a chance to tell him why he had come to India.

"The Indian Christians themselves are very enthusiastic and faithful Christians and are free to witness to each other," he said. "There is nothing quite like hearing them sing hymns."

The Moores stayed in the hospital guest house, where an Indian couple, Krishnon and Lochmee, did their cooking and laundry.

"The hospital has its own cows,"

Mrs. Moore said, "and all the milk is boiled before use."

They saw the nutrition village that has been set up on the hospital grounds. Mothers come to live in the village huts to learn how to choose and prepare foods for their children.

Dr. Moore said that the widespread malnourishment is often not so much the lack of food as in ignorance of what to eat and how to prepare food or drink properly. For instance, the people may drink stagnant water because they don't know any better, and get parasites without knowing why.

He said that in the country of 620,000,000 people, an average of three babies per family die.

"The missionaries were very good to us," Gloria said. "We met with them on Tuesday nights at their regular get-together time for Bible study and sharing of prayer requests. This fellowship meant a great deal to us."

Next to the hospital is a student building which is across the street from a large university. The Moores visited this center and met some of the students (including Hindus) who come there for recreation. While there, they heard a Christian Rock group. Indian Baptists direct this student program.

The traffic in Bangalore was much heavier than in Gloria's native Scotland. (She was a student at Belhaven College in Jackson and Lowry was at University medical school when they met.)

"The buses, the motorbikes, the cows with right-of-way are unbelievable," she said. "It took 2½ hours to travel 60 miles."

Dr. Moore added, "No radio, no telephone! It was a wonderful to be there doing God's work. It was good to get away from materialism and down to the simple things."

"Third and, fourth - year medical students as a part of their course requirements can spend eight to ten weeks at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital, under the Foreign Mission Board's Medical Receptorship Program," he emphasized. "Their expenses are paid by the Foreign Mission Board."



Mrs. Mattie Mae Ogle of Hazlehurst uncovers a bowl in a Late Bronze building (c. 1230 B.C.) while participating in the excavation program in the Sorek Valley in Israel.

## You Can Recover Biblical History

By Linda Kelm

"It's a dream come true," says Mrs. Mattie Mae Ogle of Hazlehurst, Miss. after completing her first season of digging at Tel Batash (Timnah) last summer. Mrs. Ogle, who celebrated her 70th birthday while in Israel at the excavation site, was a most energetic and enthusiastic participant. As she sits among the ruins of a Late Bronze building and contemplates its history, she dreams of returning to Timnah again for the 1978 season.

The 1978 expedition, sponsored by an institutional consortium, including New Orleans Seminary and Mississippi College, in collaboration with the Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is under the direction of George L. Kelm, Professor of Archaeology at New Orleans Seminary. Like last year, the volunteer work force and staff will include students and laypersons interested in archaeological field work and how archaeology relates to the Bible.

The tel, located in the Sorek Valley, seven kilometers west of Beth Shemesh in Israel is the site of the biblical city of Timnah, well-known in the Samson stories. The site, thus far

excavated, reveals a Canaanite city which was destroyed by a tremendous fire near the end of the Late Bronze Age (circa 1200 B.C.). The building remains of the Canaanite city include a part of a large public building and a defensive city wall. Among the finds were a Canaanite cylinder seal, bronze tools and weapons, and typical Canaanite pottery vessels.

These events in biblical history are being clarified by Southern Baptists, young and old, who, like Mrs. Ogle are fulfilling lifetime dreams by joining our Southern Baptist archaeological expedition in Israel.

## Computer Will Save Baptists . . . Thousands

DALLAS (BP) — A computerized system of mailing lists that will save Southern Baptist agencies thousands of dollars by eliminating duplicate lists will be in operation by August 1.

The new system, operated and maintained by the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., was revealed at a business session of the Southern Baptist Computer Users Association in Dallas.

"The system also will enlarge the capacity of the Sunday School Board's services, enabling it to provide more specialized and selective types of mailing lists than were available to our agencies in the past," explained Van Simpson, manager of the board's systems department.

He said the Sunday School Board can now supply very specialized lists. "Suppose, for example, an agency wants a mailing list containing only the names of Georgia pastors in churches with 500 or fewer members," Simpson explained. "With the new system, we can supply the list."

In other action, the computer association voted to continue its buying committee's investigation into the possibility of Southern Baptist agencies joining in the volume purchase of stock paper and custom forms for computer use, an action that could result in substantial savings.

## 'Baptist Hour' Fan Thinks The Show Is Better Than Coffee

By Bonita Sparrow

"The Baptist Hour" is better than coffee in the morning.

At least that's what Mrs. Donald H. Lauer of Greenwood, Ind., a suburb of Indianapolis, seems to think.

Explanation: Mrs. Lauer is a "Baptist Hour" fan and a friend of the show's host, Frank Pollard. Her father, Joe Triplett, is on Pollard's staff at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

When Mrs. Lauer moved to Indiana from Mississippi, she missed Pollard's preaching. Then she learned he is host of "The Baptist Hour" which the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission produces and syndicates on 354 stations.

For weeks she tried to learn if any of the stations in the Indianapolis area aired the show. Finally, Gene Medaris, editor of "The Indiana Baptist" — the Baptist state convention's newspaper — was able to help.

A local station — WFMS — carried it at 5 a.m. on Sunday mornings, he said. Mrs. Lauer gulped a little. That meant "The Baptist Hour" before breakfast . . . before coffee, even.

But on Saturday morning she faithfully set her alarm for 5 a.m. It rang. She turned on the radio. No "Baptist Hour."

She called the station and was told there had been a mistake. "The Baptist Hour" is on at 4 a.m.

Now some people rise and shine at 4 a.m., but Mrs. Lauer was horrified at the idea of getting up in the middle of the night to listen to a program — no matter how good.

"As great a preacher as I know you are, and as much as I really wanted to hear you on 'The Baptist Hour,' I was unwilling to make that kind of sacrifice," she admitted to Pollard.

But husbands are helpful and Lauer came to his wife's rescue. He rigged the radio and a tape recorder to the time-controlled electrical outlet on the stove. The timer was set for 4 a.m. and the family retired.

The next morning "The Baptist Hour" was automatically recorded. Mrs. Lauer reported to Pollard that the entire family enjoyed the show — when they were awake enough to understand what was happening.

## Baptist Teams Help In Wake Of Floods

FILLMORE, Calif. (BP) — Southern Baptist work teams joined neighbors and stricken families in this fruit-growing town 10 miles from the Pacific to dig out after the usually tame Sespe River flooded.

The west side of the town of 9,000 was inundated when a debris dam formed at a bridge, blocking overflow water rushing downstream from the Piru Reservoir. Engineers bulldozed the bridge to release the water, but not before flood waters moved into the town, leaving mud and silt in an estimated one-fourth of the homes.

The parsonage and homes of 20 families of the First Southern Baptist Church and homes of members of nearby Santa Paula Church were damaged. No lives were lost.

Baptists moved quickly to aid fellow Baptists and others. Wade Thomas of Oxnard, director of missions for Harmony Baptist Association, organized a work team of 13, including six local pastors.

Pastor Monty McWhorter of First Southern Baptist Church in Santa Paula loaded the church bus with volunteers and concentrated on helping members of their church living in Fillmore. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board sent \$10,000 in disaster relief for the area. The Baptist General Convention of California has appropriated \$500 for Fillmore residents.

TIAJUANA, Baja, Calif. (BP) — Baptists have begun dispensing aid in the wake of torrential rain and mud slides which claimed lives and property in Tijuana, Baja, Calif.

David Daniel, mass media consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said 30 persons were killed and 23,000 forced to leave their homes when a rain-swollen reservoir overflowed. One hundred persons are still missing. Daniel said 10 Baptist

families were left homeless, 11 others lost most of their possessions and Ebenezer Baptist Church was rendered unusable in the March 4 disaster.

Missionary nurse, Kay Welden, from Abilene, Tex. used Foreign Mission Board disaster relief funds to distribute \$3,000 worth of clothing, bedding and food to the 21 affected Baptist families plus five other needy families.

Baptists in Tijuana have organized a relief committee to administer donations of food and clothing. The Mexican government is promising to relocate the homeless in new homes. The church probably will be allocated a new tract of land but will face the construction of the building on its own.



Harry Chapin

## MC Raises \$7,500 For World Hunger

The Mississippi College Baptist Student Union sought to develop a heightened sense of world vision as they sponsored World Hunger Emphasis Week on the campus, March 27-30.

On Monday, popular folksinger Harry Chapin gave an 8 p.m. benefit concert on World Hunger. Over \$7,500 in proceeds from the concert went to needy countries.

On Tuesday, the BSU sponsored a Famine Banquet at the Fellowship Hall of Clinton, First Church. Participants ate unsalted cooked rice and water, and watched a movie concerning world hunger.

On Wednesday, Rick Axtell, a Mis-

issippi College graduate, showed slides during chapel of his work in Bangladesh. Over \$150.00 in donations was collected for world hunger projects in Bangladesh following the presentation.

Thursday was designated a day of prayer and fasting. Students signed up to skip one, two, or three meals with the cafeteria contributing that money to a "Food for Work" program in Bangladesh. Over 100 students signed up for the effort with most skipping three meals.

The regular Wednesday noonday devotional was led by Linda Soles, director of the Clinton Community Christian Corporation.

## House Panel Eliminates Most Tuition Tax Credits

WASHINGTON (BP) — Opponents of aid to nonpublic schools won a major victory as the House Ways and Means Committee eliminated tax credits to parents of parochial school children at the elementary and secondary levels.

The 20-16 vote, on an amendment to an overall tax credit bill, marked the first occasion for cheer by opponents of tax credits during the current congressional session. In spite of the Ways and Means victory, tax credit legislation is still a possibility this year.

Last month the Senate Finance Committee approved a tax credit measure, the Packwood-Moynihan bill, by a 14-1 margin. That bill has yet to be acted on by the full Senate.

The House version of tax credits debated during two days by the Ways and Means Committee was much milder than that passed by the Senate panel. The House measure, introduced by Rep. Charles A. Vanik (D-Ohio), called for a maximum tax credit of \$250 per pupil within the next three years, while the Packwood-Moynihan proposal calls for a credit of up to \$500 within the same time frame.

Although the powerful tax-writing Ways and Means panel struck out credits for elementary and secondary education, it left intact that portion of the bill calling for tax credits for college tuition.

As it now stands, the measure calls

for a \$100 credit per student for 1978, \$150 in 1979, and \$250 in 1980. After that year, new legislation would have to be enacted to extend the credits.

When I was young, my producer, George Tyler, told me that were I four inches taller I could become one of the greatest actresses of my time. I decided to lick my size. A string of teachers pulled and stretched till I felt I was in a medieval torture chamber. I gained nary a pound, but my posture became military. I became the tallest five-foot woman in the world. And my refusal to be limited by my limitations enabled me to play Mary of Scotland, one of the tallest queens in history. — Helen Hayes.



## Beyond the Ironing Board

Wanda Fancher

The other day James and I were wandering around in a store in the town where he was preaching a revival. We made several small purchases. Then we were about to leave the store and decided to buy something else.

The next day we went back to the same store. It was nice to have time to be very leisurely about our looking and considering before buying. It is always good to have time to look for real bargains, which is sort of a hobby with us, anyway.

Finally, looking at the merchandise we had accumulated and heading for the check-out counter, James said, "It's time to go."

Now, I knew we did not have any kind of obligation to be anywhere or to do anything for the next two hours. And I also knew that when he said it was time to go, he had not looked at his watch and that the time to go had nothing to do with time. It had to do with

pocketbook. What James said to me was, "This is as much as we need to spend. Let's go before we spend any more."

But he did not say that to me in the blunt words which would have probably made me feel a little resentful because others would have heard it, or made me feel he was being stingy. He simply said, "It's time to go." He knew I would understand.

However, because we had become conversant with the clerks, I laughingly said, "What he means is we do not need to spend any more money. It has absolutely nothing to do with the clock."

Getting into the car outside the store following this exchange, I thought, Boy, wouldn't it be great if all communication could be that easy and that certain?

That's one of the comforts of old marriages, I think. At least, of old, good marriages.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS



Bobby Cooper and his family at Westwood Church, Meridian, have a total of 53 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Cooper has ten years; Mrs. Cooper has nine years; daughter Sheila (Mrs. John McAlister) has 12 years; son Dennis has 12 years; and son Gary has ten years. Wayne Carlisle is the Sunday School director and W. Buford Usry is pastor.



William Carey College alumni officers and executive council members were elected during Homecoming Day on April 1. From left to right, front row: Beverly Thames, Richard Davis (vice-president), Melba Rope Brown, president, and Jo Laurin McDonald, secretary. Second row: Jim Beck, Sandra King, Mrs. Elise Curtis, and Dwight Trippe (out-going president). Third row: Steve Harris, David Hulsey, Malissa Griffin, Bill Renick, and Tom Lott. Of the above group two are pastors, one is an educational director, one is associate pastor and youth director, one is an interim music director and one is a pastor's wife. (WCC Photo by Jimmy McFarland)



Mike Burczynski (2nd from right) of Pontotoc has been selected new president of the Blue Mountain College Ministerial Alumni Association. New vice-president of the association is Billy Baker (center) of Eupora and new secretary-treasurer is Tommy Benson (right) of Corinth. On hand for the group's annual meeting held recently at Blue Mountain College were Jerry Stevens (2nd from left) of Columbus, the association's outgoing president, and Robert Naylor, president of Southwest Seminary who delivered the keynote address.



Four deacons have given a combined service of 97 years at Society Hill, Oak Vale. Left to right, they are: Kenna Williamson (35 years); Larue Magee (24 years); Terrell Langston (14 years); and Sexton Upton (24 years). Ray Henry is pastor.

Perry Loflin was recently licensed to the gospel ministry at Baxterville Church (Lamar). He is a graduate of Lumberton High School and has spent four years in the Navy. He plans to enter William Carey College during the summer.

Loflin He currently serves his church as youth activities director and as supply pastor. He will be co-leader of the youth mission tour to Texas this year. He is available for pulpit supply or youth rallies and can be contacted through his pastor, Bob Goolsby, at Baxterville, Ms. 39455.

Katherine Beaty of Jackson was chosen new president of the Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association during Spring Festival activities at the college. Outgoing president is Mrs. Jean Cotey of Murfreesboro, Tn. Miss Beaty is an executive with Mississippi Power and Light Company in Jackson.

Thomas Henry Maxwell, of Summit, retired pastor, and his wife Elizabeth will be honored with a reception on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, May 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. The event will be in the Fellowship Hall of First Church, Summit. At the time of his retirement in 1969, Maxwell was business manager of the Willard F. Bond Home in Madison. Since that time he has served many churches as supply or interim pastor. He was formerly a school teacher and pastor. The couple has four children, 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Richard Dodge, a senior Master of Divinity degree student at New Orleans Seminary, has been named seminary news director and editor of Vision Magazine. Dodge replaces Jonathan Pedersen, who graduated recently and has been called to First Church, Altus, Ok., as minister of youth. Dodge has been on the staff of the seminary since April, 1977, as photographer.

Three faculty members will be retiring at New Orleans Seminary July 31. They are Harold Rutledge, Professor of Psychology and Counseling; James Taylor, Professor of Preaching and Chairman of the Division of Pastoral Ministries; and Thomas DeLaughter, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew. Stanley Watson, Professor of Youth Education, will be transferred to the position being vacated by Rutledge. Although Taylor will be retiring from his position as a full-time faculty member, he will continue on a contract basis with the Doctor of Ministry program, assisting in the area of field education. Carroll Freeman and Joe Cothen have been promoted from associate professor to professor. Freeman will be professor of psychology and counseling, and Cothen will be professor of pastoral work.

Charles Edward Miskelley, 75, of Blue Mountain, died on March 26, at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

Miskelley was a dairyman and a member of Palmer Baptist Church. He was a deacon for over 50 years.

Services were March 27, in McBride Chapel with burial in Palmer Cemetery. Danny Bullock was the officiating minister with Harris Counce, Jr. and Blanton Doggett assisting.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Gertrude Miskelley of Blue Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Charlene Morton and Mrs. Dot Watson, both of Ripley; three brothers; one sister; and eight grandchildren.

## Home Missions Offering To Congregationalize Portland

By Judy Touchton  
PORTLAND, Ore. — This summer, Southern Baptists will simultaneously begin 25 new congregations in Portland, Ore.

The date is July 23. "There are now 50 churches and missions in Portland," says Darrell Evenson, director of missions for the Interstate Baptist Association. "The 1970 census showed 1,250,000 people in the four counties which form the association, with 700,000 not belonging to any church or religious group. That's 65 percent of the population of our area unchurched."

Evenson added that of the 500,000 who say they are members of some religious group, many are Mormons, Buddhists, or members of other non-Christian groups.

"There are many, many people here who do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour," he said.

Portland is one of the key cities

selected by the Home Mission Board for special efforts in evangelization and congregationalization. Key cities is one of four target areas of Bold Mission Thrust in the U. S. Others are key counties, cultural and lifestyle groups, and communities in transition.

This year's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions will help support the thrust into the nation's cities. It will help fund the effort of 50 churches of the Interstate Baptist Association to reach Portland.

The missionary pointed out associational leaders have selected 80 potential sites for churches and missions, but narrowed their focus to 25 potential sites for the mid-Summer thrust.

The Interstate Association will receive help from the Union Baptist Association in Houston, Tex., and the Home Mission Board. Workers will also depend on volunteer support from the newly formed Mission Service

Corps, as well as from the Board's Christian Service Corps.

The Home Mission Board will provide teams of seminary couples for a 10-week project during the summer aimed primarily at cultivation and nurturing of the new congregations.

The association also has applied for two US-2 missionary couples to work with the new churches.

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## Staff Changes

George W. Puckett is the new minister of music and youth at First Church, Mendenhall, Hueston Adkins, pastor.

He goes to Mendenhall from Riverside Church, Mobile, Ala. He is married to the former Patricia Ann Martin and they have three children. Puckett is a native of Smith County.

Oak Grove Church in Amite County has called Russ Stevens as pastor. A native of Illinois, Stevens is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

He and his wife Theresa are graduates of Belmont College, Nashville, Tn. He has served pastorates in Illinois and Tennessee.

Don Wilkey has resigned at Fayette Church to become associate pastor in charge of youth at First, Columbia.

Jimmy Harrington has assumed the pastorate of Star Church in Rankin County. A graduate of Southeastern Seminary, he has served Anchor Church, Lafayette County, for four years. He and his wife June have two daughters.

Perkinson Church has called Elwyn Nathaniel Wilkinson, Jr. as pastor. A native of Kentucky, Wilkinson attended University of Louisville and Mississippi College, and received a Th.D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He has served as pastor in Baton Rouge, and at Forrest Avenue Church, Biloxi. With the Kentucky Baptist Convention, he was director of religious activities and part-time instructor in religion at Cumberland College. He also served as special consultant in Leadership Development with the Sunday School Board in Nashville. He currently teaches mathematics and physics at Hancock North Central High School in Pass Christian.

He is married to Nancy Wade Wilkinson, native of Gulfport, and a registered nurse. They have three children.

## Missionary News

John and Kathy McNair, missionaries to Spain, may be addressed at Urban, Garcia Lorca, Cambrío 2 (Huetor Vega) Granada, Spain. They are natives of Mississippi.

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## Judge Rules Methodist Church Not An Entity In Law Suit

SAN DIEGO (RNS) — A state court judge has ruled here that the United Methodist Church is a "spiritual confederation" and not an entity subject to suit under California law.

San Diego County Superior Court Judge Ross G. Tharp made the ruling in dismissing the 9.9-million-member denomination from a \$266 million lawsuit brought on behalf of 160 residents of the Pacific Homes retirement facilities.

The judge said that "a contrary ruling would effectively destroy

Methodism in this country, and would have a chilling effect on all Churches and religious movements by inhibiting the free association of persons of similar religious beliefs."

Attorney Samuel W. Witwer had argued on behalf of the denomination that the thrust of the suit was "that all United Methodists are liable for the misstep" of one unit. The Pacific and Southwest Conference of the denomination had operated Pacific Homes until a trustee was appointed last year. Although Judge Tharp dismissed the

denomination as a party to the suit, he refused to take the same action regarding its General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA).

According to the judge, the GCFA "controls the purse strings of the United Methodist Church and dominates all Church activities in the nation (and) controls the income, pensions, and insurance programs of thousands of persons and controls the purchase, sale and financing of millions of dollars of real property throughout the United States, including California."



Bill Hannah, special gifts director for First, Clinton, Together We Build program, keeps the congregation in stitches before finally announcing the advance gifts pledge.

## First, Clinton, Pledges \$600,000 For Phase I, "Together We Build"

Members of First Church of Clinton have pledged in excess of \$602,000 through the Together We Build program.

The church voted a year ago to remain at the present location, and to buy available land surrounding the present buildings and begin Phase I construction which includes a new one acre parking lot, new educational building, and some renovation of present facilities.

Phase II will be a sanctuary and family life center.

John Alexander, Stewardship Director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board explained the Together We Build program to the deacons. Preparation began in October 1977 and a 5-week campaign was conducted during January and February 1978.

Alexander trained the committees and canvassers.

The Steering Committee, chaired by Charles Martin, recommended the following goals: Victory goal — \$400,000, Challenge goal — \$450,000, Hallelujah goal — \$500,000.

Bill Baker, pastor, preached a sermon series on "the economy of God."

An advance and special gifts goal of \$100,000 had been set for the February 1 Banquet. Campaign leaders as well as other members were forecasting far beyond that figure and felt the Hallelujah goal would be reached. At the banquet, attended by 600 adults and youths, plus another 150 at children's and preschool parties, the advanced figure of \$257,491 was announced.

Canvas week followed and one goal after another fell. The Victory Service saw a pledge of \$596,000 and by the end of Follow-up week the amount had grown to \$602,000. The cost of the campaign was less than 1% of the amount pledged.

Since the campaign the church has seen first Sunday giving records set each month, with an increase in budget gifts as well as Together We Build gifts.

## Telephone Links Class Of Shut-ins

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — Every Sunday at 9 a.m. a Phoenix telephone operator calls about 20 persons and asks them to stay on the line. At 9:30 a.m., with everyone waiting, the operator dials First Southern Baptist Church and tells Cecil Stewart that his class is ready.

This telephone conference call, designed for shut-ins who cannot attend church, is perhaps the most unusual Sunday School class in Arizona.

Stewart, 74, said the idea came from a similar class in another state. The shut-ins "were all for it," he says.

Each class costs 40 cents per person. The church pays the fee and buys lesson materials, published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Stewart, an ordained minister, begins the class by calling roll and greeting each listener. Then prayer is said and he gives the lesson.

One of the class listeners will occa-

## Revival Dates

Trinity, Vicksburg: April 23-28; Spiritual Renewal Week; services Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 7:10 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Fred E. Robertson, pastor of Horseshoe Drive Church, Alexandria, La., evangelist; Greg Moore, minister of music and youth at Trinity, singer; Howard D. Smith, pastor.

First Church, Coffeeville: April 16-21; Tommy and Dianne Winters of Tupelo, evangelists; services at 7:30 p.m.; Donnie L. Stewart, pastor.

First, Lake: April 19-23; Howard Benton, pastor of Eastside Church, Jackson, evangelist; Joe Vance, Lake, music director; Wed.-Sat. at 7 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wesley Miley, pastor.

Parkway Church, Pascagoula: April 30-May 5; Dale Patterson, Rose-land Park Church, Picayune, evangelist; Art Bruce, Roseland Park Church, music evangelist; Kenna Byrd, pastor.

## Retired Pastor Dies At Sumrall

Funeral services for Herman McAlpin, 64, were held April 12 at Military Baptist Church near Sumrall, with burial in the church cemetery.

Before retiring, due to ill health, McAlpin served for eight years as pastor in Runnelstown. He was pastor of Military Church for eight years and also pastored churches in Smith, Scott and Yazoo Counties. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Frances McAlpin; four sons, Tommy McAlpin of Hattiesburg, Billy McAlpin, Clark McAlpin and Ricky McAlpin, all of Sumrall; three daughters, Mrs. Tanya Lee of Hattiesburg, Mrs. Terry Bounds and Miss Cindy McAlpin, both of Sumrall; his mother, Mrs. Lila McAlpin of Raleigh; four brothers, and 12 grandchildren.

sionally be asked to pray or read the scripture, but "I can't encourage class participation because of the time," he says of the half hour class.

Only twice has the class been interrupted. Once a woman listener became sick and hurriedly hung up, leaving the receiver off its cradle. A loud squawking sound soon drowned out the lesson. The other time was for trouble on the line.

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"The time of the singing of birds has come... when spring pulls at us with a force we only sense and one feels the need to touch the earth again, find reassurance, remember God's promises."  
—Eunice Barnes  
**Spring Rain**  
Spring rain soothingly dropping, touches panes with a pat-pitter-pat  
Changing drops from prisms true, some are white, some are blue.  
Spring rain.  
Spring rain in torrential sheets, touches, drips and seeps—  
Seeping-Seeping  
Blanketing everything old and new, oftentimes heavy, sometimes dew.  
Spring rain.  
Spring rain gently falling moves the heart during the fall-Falling-Falling  
Stirring lightly things forgotten, pleasant memories, some regret.  
Spring rain.  
Spring rain from dark clouds ease on the light clouds—  
Clouds—Clouds  
Turning, shifting, parting slow, ebbing to let the sun show.  
Spring rain.  
—B. A. Roberts  
**This Is A Lost Child**  
This is a lost child on a Sunday morn, Wondering how he got there, and why he was born.  
This is a lost child, standing by the street, Wondering why the sand is there, he's digging with his feet.  
This is a lost child, wondering where to go; I have an idea, do you know?  
This is a saved child, free from black sin, He was like the lost child, you know, to begin.  
I have a question, I really need to ask; Could you tell him about God? Could you take this task?  
This is a lost child; there is something he needs to know, To know of Jesus, and eternally live and grow.  
This lost child has something he has to do, But he needs someone to help him, How about you????  
—Selina Nix, Age 12  
Siloam Church, West Point  
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.  
—Song of Solomon 2:11, 12  
**TO DAFFODILS**  
Fair daffodils, we weep to see You haste away so soon; As yet the early-rising Sun Has not attain'd his noon.  
Stay, stay, Until the hasting day has run But to the evensong; And, having pray'd together, we Will go with you along.  
—Robert Herrick (1591-1633)  
**From Dark And Barren Limbs**  
From dark and barren limbs the flowers come, Parading in full dress review; And birds gather, from their hiding places, Singing love songs, some old, some new.  
Spring... a time of beginning again, Lends fresh beauty to our every part; But, best of all, if we know the Lord, It's spring within our hearts.  
—Ruby Singley



"Alumnae Of The Year" Honored At BMC

Mrs. Joyce Beasley (center) of Tupelo has been honored as "Alumnae of the Year" at Blue Mountain College. BMC president E. Harold Fisher presented a proclamation to the new honoree during the school's Spring Festival while National Alumnae President Mrs. Jean Cotey of Murfreesboro, Tn. looked on.

## Baptist College Promotion Personnel Organize BEAM

Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi (BEAM), has been organized for the purpose of promoting cooperation and coordination among promotional personnel on the four Baptist college campus in Mississippi.

Staff members of the colleges involved in public relations, alumni, news information, development, and admissions compose the nucleus of the new organization. In addition, the chairman of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention (currently Kermit McGregor of Temple Baptist in Hattiesburg) is a member of the group.

Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, vice president of college relations at William Carey College was elected president of BEAM. Jim Bryant, director of development at Blue Mountain College, is president elect and served as official host for the initial meeting at the college.

Johnnie Ruth Hudson, assistant to the president at Mississippi College, is secretary. Four meetings a year are scheduled with one each on the four Baptist college campus.

One of the first projects to be sponsored by BEAM is a proposed Baptist College Booth to be placed at Gulfshore for the summer months. Ralph Noonkester, president of William Carey College, and Edward McMillan, representing the president of Mississippi College, contributed to the keynote address theme which Harold Fisher presented on "What A Baptist College President Expects of His Promotional Personnel."

The June meeting of BEAM is scheduled to be held on the 29th with special emphasis to be placed on news informational services, both secular and denominational. The meeting will be on the Clarke College campus.

## Evangelism Lacks Success In England

PORTSMOUTH, Eng. (RNS) — The "awful lack of success in evangelism" in Britain was referred to by the Rev. Stanley Turl in an address following his induction here as moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

In 1976-77 Mr. Turl served as president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and since 1953 has been superintendent of the West Ham Central Mission in the tough East End of London. He succeeds the Rev. Morgan J. Williams, also a Baptist, as moderator of the council.

In his address, Mr. Turl said, "I believe that part of the reason for the awful lack of success in evangelism is that we modern Christians are very poor communicators. We are beginning to move towards a deeper understanding of what preaching the gospel can mean through the modern stress on the Servant Church."

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## Just For The Record



BELLEVUE CHURCH (PONTOTOC) held ground breaking ceremonies recently, beginning a new wing which will contain space for education and fellowship. C. E. Cole, chairman of deacons, broke ground, following a dedicatory ceremony led by Pastor Lamar Pickens.



Rienzi Church, Alcorn Association, dedicated its new education building and burned the note on Sunday morning, April 2. Following the dedication message there was dinner in Fellowship Hall, the dedication prayer, and the note burning by the pastor and members of the Building Committee. Left to right are: Pastor Wiley Gann; Committee members Peggy Palmer, Peggy Pannell, Quay Switcher, and Raymond Massengill. Melvin Johnson Jr. (not pictured) was chairman of the Committee. The building program was begun six years ago but because of unforeseen difficulties has just been completed. Therefore, the church members burned the note at the same time they dedicated the structure. Gann has been pastor of the Rienzi Church for seven months.



Highland Church, Laurel, declared April 9 as a day commemorating the 25th anniversary of Mrs. Garland Lewis as church organist. The events of the day included a special recognition during both worship services and a special reception after the evening worship service. Ralph Graves is pastor, and Harvey Kelly is minister of music.



RALPH JONES was recognized as "Mr. Inspiration" of Elam Church (Yalobusha) when the church held Ralph Jones Day and presented him a gift. Billy McDaniel, pastor, said, "Ralph never lets his handicap keep him from Sunday School and church, hot, cold, or rainy. He is an inspiration to us and a sweet example of Christian dedication."



BETHEL CHURCH (Lincoln) burned the note (right) on its three-year-old pastorium on March 19. The pastorium (left) valued at \$35,000 was paid for in about 1/3 of the expected time. Holding the tray is Doug Benedict, pastor when the pastorium was being constructed. Lighting the note is Tommy Purvis, pastor, and holding the burning note is Earnest Wallace, chairman of the Building Committee. Other members of the committee in the picture are Faye Wallace, George Moak, Julius Moak, Rosa Lee Wallace, Robert Brown, Bert Sasser, Jr., Hilton Brown, Velma Moak, and Gail Benedict.

## Lee Suffers Another Heart Attack

MEMPHIS (BP) — Robert G. Lee, 91, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church has returned to the coronary unit of the Methodist Hospital in Memphis for treatment of a heart ailment.

Lee entered the hospital after developing severe pain in his legs, a daughter, Mrs. Beulah Lee King of Shelbyville, Tenn., reported. It was diagnosed as arthritis.

The heart problem developed while Lee was undergoing tests in the hospital, Mrs. King said. His condition is serious.

Lee has been having recurring heart problems since he suffered two heart attacks a year ago while in Oklahoma City to preach a revival.

When the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, it may be that they take better care of it over there.

A certain woman was heard to say as she observed a manly young man: "I would give 20 years of my life to have such a son." And the mother of the young man was heard to say: "That's what I have given — 20 years of my life to have such a son." But what better purpose would there be to take time for? Where in all the whirl of running around and splintering our lives into a thousand less meaningful interests and activities, where could we better take time? Where could we better invest for the future than in our families? — Richard L. Evans.

## Devotional

### The Calling Commander

By Gowan Ellis, Noxapater  
Matthew 4:17-25

Jesus Christ is presented in the Scriptures as the Son of God calling individuals to follow Him. He takes the initiative in the calling. He does not wait for one to call for him first of all.

The hymn writer states it for us, "He called me long before I heard, before my sinful heart was stirred, but when I took Him at His word, forgiven, He lifted me."

I find much encouragement in the work of the Lord as I study the ones who were called by Jesus. Paul spoke words which were needed by those in Corinth. I Corinthians 1:26 "For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called."

Thus, one man can say that Jesus, the Calling Commander is One who:

I. Calls with authority. This authority was recognized by those who heard Jesus speak. He did not speak as the scribes and Pharisees. He spoke with authority because of who He was... the eternal Son of God. That authority was sensed as He spoke because of what He came to do... give His life on the cross as a ransom for many. Those mentioned in Matthew 4 felt that One with authority had called them.

II. Each one must answer the Calling Commander. Those called by Jesus left all, immediately, and followed Him. This should be the response of each one who hears His call. Yet, some try to excuse themselves from answering His call. Such is attempted as one looks to the life of another and takes pride in not being like him. When Isaiah heard the call from God, he responded, "Here am I, send me." This serves as a worthy example for one today.

III. Actions are called for. Jesus calls individuals to love... such indicates that one belongs to Him. Jesus calls individuals to take up the cross and to follow Him. He calls His own to behave like family members... not conforming to this world, but abiding in Him and thus becoming more like Jesus day by day.

IV. Each one is accountable to the Calling Commander. One is accountable for the personal life that life is to be clean, useful in the Master's work, and a worthy example for others.

One is accountable for others. The Lord gives each one a gift to share. One is to witness for the Lord as opportunities avail themselves.

When one hears the call from Jesus and refuses to respond, that one must give an account one day. What can one say who has heard the Calling Commander and has refused to heed His call?

## Uniform Lesson

### Philip: Messenger To Outsiders

By Hardy R. Denham, Jr.,  
First, Newton  
Acts 8:4-8, 14-25

It is amazing to see how the Lord can use the adversities of life to our 2000 advantage. This realization has led preachers to speak on the advantages of adversity. The Lord used to great advantage the adversity experienced by the saints in Jerusalem.

The death of Stephen set off a period of persecution aimed at the church (Acts 8:1). Prior to that time the opposition of the authorities had been directed only at the apostles and had been non-violent, with only one exception (Acts 5:40). The persecution after Stephen's martyrdom was directed against the church and became violent in its expression (Acts 8:3; 9:1-2). The result was that many Christians left Jerusalem (Acts 8:1b). However, those who were scattered "went about preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). Thus out of the adversity of persecution there came the advantage of evangelistic preaching.

Philip was one of those who left Jerusalem. He became the first man in the Christian movement to carry the gospel to people who were not Jews or Jewish proselytes.

#### I. The Ministry of Philip (Verses 4-8).

Philip carried the gospel to some people in Samaria (verse 5). The identity of the Samaritan city to which he went is not given. It was not the city of Samaria, but a city of Samaria. The Samaritans were half Jews, the descendants of the people of the old Northern Kingdom who had intermarried with Gentiles. They were looked down upon by Jews to the extent that the Jews had no dealings with Samaritans (John 4:9).

The Lord Christ found a receptiveness on the part of Samaritans (John 4:39-41), and so did Philip (verse 6). His ministry in Samaria was characterized by demonstrations of God's power and resulted in great joy on the part of the people (verses 7-8).

The most significant fact to be noted about the ministry of Philip is not simply his desire to share Christ or his concern for people, but the fact that he was unprejudiced in his love for people. His concern for people included those others ignored. No reason is given for Philip's choosing Samaria

as a place of service. To be sure, it was closest to Judea. However, Philip's motivation may well have been the fact that others did not want to go there.

#### II. The Mission Of The Apostles (Verses 14-17).

News of events in Samaria came to the attention of the apostles in Jerusalem. They sent Peter and John to investigate and report back (verse 14).

When the apostles arrived there was a second Pentecost-type experience (verses 15-17). There is no question that these people were saved as a result of the preaching of Philip (see verse 12). However, the Holy Spirit did not come into their lives until the two apostles arrived and prayed for them and laid hands on them. Two facts must be understood in connection with the delayed coming of the Spirit into these Samaritan converts. First, this report concerns the experience of those people and is not a doctrinal teaching setting forth the norm for all believers. Paul later declared that the Holy Spirit is the witness to our conver-

sion and the seal of God's ownership of our lives (Romans 8:16; Ephesians 1:13-14). Second, the Lord withheld the Holy Spirit until the apostles arrived in order to give evidence that God had indeed accepted the Samaritans. Thus the delayed gift of the Holy Spirit was for the benefit of the apostles. They could carry an irrefutable report of God's grace back to Jerusalem.

It is of interest to note that the apostles preached in Samaritan villages on their return trip to Jerusalem (verse 25). Peter and John gained from their experience in Samaria. They saw that the Lord did include "outsiders" so they began to do what they should have been doing all along.

#### III. The Mischief Of The Magician (Verses 18-25).

Simon the magician had been an influential person in that Samaritan town (verse 9). He had held the people under the spell of his wizardry until Philip appeared. Seeing the people turning to the gospel Philip preached, Simon also pretended to become a convert (verse 13). There can be no question that Simon's conversion was pretended rather than genuine. First, he was

excluded from the giving of the Holy Spirit to believers when the apostles prayed. Second, Peter said as much in his rebuke of Simon (verses 20-23).

Simon was only concerned about himself. He was interested in others only to the extent that he could use them for his own gain. Thus when he saw the Holy Spirit being given to believers he offered the apostles money to purchase God's power (verses 18-19). Doubtless he saw in the Holy Spirit the means by which he could regain his power over the people. Simon did not care about people. His concern focused only on what he wanted in terms of prestige, power and possibly profit.

At least Simon had some spiritual sensitivity. Hearing Peter's blistering rebuke following the offering to buy the Holy Spirit, Simon pleaded for Peter to pray for him (verse 24). Whether the magician repented of his sins and was saved at that time cannot be determined. If he was he learned by experience that the grace of God and gift of the Holy Spirit are not for sale to the highest bidder. It is only as a result of a genuine act of repentance and faith that one comes to receive these.

## Life and Work Lesson

### The Roots Of Sin

By Bill Duncan, First, Long Beach  
Genesis 4:5

Everyone agrees that our world is in serious trouble, and most individuals seem to feel that the same thing is true about our personal lives. The human problem has been analyzed in terms of certain relationships: to machines, to money, to education, or to our emotions. To these the Christian adds that men are in a negative relationship with God. They are sinners.

We are in a predicament. One part is that we use our freedom to make choices that are contrary to God's purposes. The other part is the nature of our world. The child is born into a world with the predicament called the world-flesh-devil. We all begin in a

corrupt world, not in a Garden of Eden. "To put it bluntly: Mankind cannot free itself from the sin problem." "Some of our problems are our own fault — we do wrong. And some of it is not our fault — things go wrong. For our sins we are guilty and need forgiveness; in our sin we are helpless and need liberation."

William L. Hendricks said, "Sin can be viewed as a relentless wheel on which all persons are caught and tumbled along through life." He goes on to say in his book, *The Doctrine of Man*, that the wheel of sin has at least four spokes growing out of the midst of self. These spokes are pride, greed, sloth, and rebellion.

To Adam and Eve two sons were born. Each developed his own voca-

tional interest. Abel was a shepherd of sheep and Cain was a breaker of soil. Worship was a normal part of their lifestyle.

Each son brought, appropriately, the produce of his own vocation and labor. The clue to the acceptance or rejection lies in the two brothers, not in the kind of gift each one brought.

In Genesis 4:7, the statement, "If thou doest well, shall it not be lifted up," distinguishes Cain's offering from the reason for its rejection. The offerings may have been first fruit offerings of their labor as described in Exodus 23:16 and 19.

Genesis 4:7 clearly indicates God's willingness to receive his offering in cases where his conduct was good. His conduct was not in accord with the at-

titude toward God which an offering is supposed to represent. "The most devastating fact about Cain's sin was that it began in worship. There where Cain's guard was most relaxed, in the name of doing right, he did wrong." Lurking sin seized him.

Cain's sin was born out of selfishness. Vicious enmity was demonstrated in a violent plot. The murder of Abel was exposed by God in the question, "Where is Abel, your brother?"

Cain's answer was an unintentional self-condemnation. Cain was more than a brother's keeper; he was his brother's brother. The sin of Cain was like all sin; at first it was a sin against God. Like Adam and Eve, Cain had sought to place himself in importance before God.

## Off The Record

A delightful story came to mind recently. Its meaning reflects a common problem about stale communication in the home.

A lady was on her fifth floor apartment patio when she saw two boys pulling an old dilapidated horse to the soap factory. "How much will you get for him?" she asked.

"Ten dollars" was their reply. "I'll give you 20 for him and 20 more if you'll bring him up to my apartment," she offered.

Fifteen minutes later the boys brought the horse out of the elevator and into her apartment. "Put him in the bathtub," she requested.

This done, one little boy asked, "Mam, I hate to be nosey. I appreciate the money, but why have that horse in the tub?"

"Well," the lady said, "my husband will walk in that door at 5:15, he will not speak but will throw his hat on that sofa, pull off his shoes and leave them in the living room, hang his coat so it will bruise my plant, pick up the paper, sit down in that big chair, and say, 'So what's new?' THEN I'M GOING TO TELL HIM!"

Mel Craft, in TYLERTOWN BAPTIST NEWS

Pride is both good and bad. Although pride is a root of sin, it is also a positive place in acknowledging the worth and dignity of our accomplishments. Pride is a sin when we seek more glory than we deserve. Theologically, pride is sin when we try to play God.

Cain sinned against God when his pride was hurt. His heart was wrong because his attitude toward God and his brother was wrong. The world-flesh-devil played an important part in his life.

No one can sin without sharing its consequences. The consequence of sin in Cain's life was a prophecy that he would become a fugitive, a wavering, trembling one and a wanderer.

Sins carries with it judgment and punishment. The passage shows the effect of sin upon worship, relationship with a brother, family and society. There is no such thing as a secret sin.

The good news is that there is a solution to the problem. The first step to the solution of the problem of our existence is acceptance — our acceptance by God. By our accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, God accepts us as his child and brings forgiveness and release from sin.



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